

# FRANCES BALAMUTH




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**Thai Youth Action Network**

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Co-Founded with Tamar Renaud

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1995 Global Fellow

## BIG BOLD IDEA

Educate young people about HIV/AIDS prevention by training volunteers that reach out to youth gangs in Thailand.

## ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

The Thai Youth AIDS Prevention Project was established in Chiang Mai as a non-government organization in September 1995 to target youth AIDS prevention and care in northern Thailand. TYAP's philosophy includes promoting long-term interactive life-skills education, providing the tools and skills necessary for young people to protect themselves in modern times, training young people to teach their peers and to work with people affected by HIV/AIDS, and challenging young people to be involved in effecting policy change.

Originally founded by three young foreigners who had recently graduated from an American university, the Thai Youth AIDS Prevention Project (TYAP) is now run entirely by Thai nationals.

## PERSONAL BIO

Fran Balamuth, MD, PhD, is an assistant professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania, an attending physician in the Division of Emergency Medicine, and a core faculty member at the Center for Pediatric Clinical Effectiveness at CHOP. Dr. Balamuth attended medical school at Yale University School of Medicine and holds a PhD in immunobiology from Yale and a Master of Science and Clinical Epidemiology (MSCE) from the University of Pennsylvania.

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### Organization/Fellow Location

Philadelphia, United States

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### Impact Location

Asia

Thailand

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### Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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