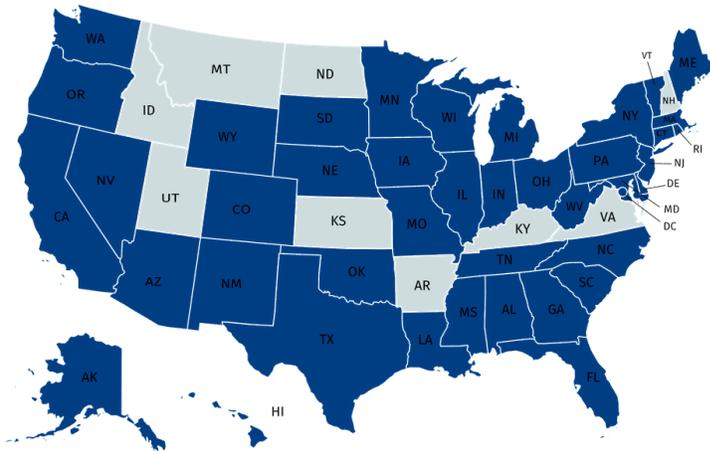


ADOLESCENT HEALTH INITIATIVE



Optimizing adolescent health in primary care offices, federally-qualified health centers, family planning clinics, and school-based health centers

Strengthening the network of adolescent-centered health care for over **150 health centers**, spanning over **40 states**

Providing technical assistance, customized resources, and implementation support to **transform** health centers into **adolescent-centered environments**

HEALTH CENTERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE ADOLESCENT-CENTERED ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT PROCESS (ACE-AP):

100%

Increased their capacity to provide confidential services to youth, while **over 50%** demonstrated significant improvement in provider and staff knowledge on **confidentiality laws and practices**



Widened their scope of reproductive health services specific to **adolescent best-practices** including providing comprehensive screenings and services aligned with **national guidelines and recommendations**



Saw close to a **40% increase** in their ability to provide **adolescent-centered behavioral health services** which ensured strong communication and referral resources between **primary care and behavioral health providers**



Received an increase in **positive feedback** from **adolescents** on the improvement of the clinic space, provider knowledge of confidentiality, and asking about both physical and mental health

ADOLESCENT-CENTERED ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT PROCESS (ACE-AP)

COMPONENTS OF THE MODEL

PLANNING (3 MONTHS)

ACE-AP TEAM



A team of committed health center staff dedicate 1-3 hours/month to the project.

DATA COLLECTION



Staff, providers, and adolescent patients complete surveys. Sites collect specific HEDIS measures to identify areas for improvement.

ASSESSMENT



Facilitated baseline ACE-AP self-assessment examining 12 key areas of adolescent-centered care.

IMPLEMENTATION (12 MONTHS)

IMPLEMENTATION PLANS



Customized plans and resources that support the work towards outcome-driven improvements.

SPARK TRAININGS



3, 15-minute mini-trainings on youth-friendly care that are delivered by the ACE-AP Team to staff and providers.

CHECK-IN CALLS



Regular technical assistance calls to identify success, problem-solve and assess improvement priorities.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



Ongoing assistance is available to sites throughout the implementation period.

WRAP-UP (3 MONTHS)

ASSESSMENT AND
DATA COLLECTION



Sites conduct year-end ACE-AP assessment and re-collect data measures to quantify the impact of the improvement process.

CERTIFICATION



Health centers that complete the ACE-AP are eligible for certification as an Adolescent Centered Environment.