

NEW RESOURCES FROM AHI



CONTENT WARNING: *This module discusses suicide and mental illness. Some of the content may be emotional and challenging to engage with, depending on your personal experiences.*

As suicide remains the second leading cause of death for adolescents and barriers to accessing mental health care remain high, primary care providers often become the entry point of mental health care for these patients. These trends highlight a need for primary care providers to be trained in the identification, treatment, and management of depression and suicidal ideation among youth.

To support providers' learning on these topics, AHI is piloting its new Timely Topic Module on [Adolescent Suicide Prevention in Primary Care](#), a resource that provides evidence-based guidance on these topics and strategies that can be implemented in a primary care setting. Access the Module below.

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Adolescentes, privacidad, y salud: Lo que necesitas saber

Teens, Privacy, and Health: What you need to know (Spanish)

1. Tienes derecho a ser tratado con respeto independiente de tu raza, color de piel, lugar de nacimiento, religión, sexo, edad, orientación sexual, identidad de género, expresión de género, capacidad, estatus de inmigración, situación económica, estado de salud, o si tienes hijos.
2. En este centro de salud tienes derecho a hablar con tu proveedor de servicios de salud a solas, sin que tus padres o tutores estén en el consultorio. Quizás te alentemos a que compartas lo que conversamos con tus padres/tutores legales, o con algún adulto de confianza.

Ensuring that minor patients know their rights to confidentiality and consent is central to providing adolescent-centered care. One way to do this is to have adolescent-specific confidentiality and minor consent rights displayed in the waiting room, exam rooms, or given to patients upon check-in. We recently translated our [Teens, Privacy, and Health](#) posters into Spanish. Each handout outlines state-specific adolescent confidentiality and minor consent and provides a brief overview of an adolescent's right to health.

Please [contact us](#) if you do not see your state listed and are interested in collaborating on one!

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NEW OPPORTUNITY WITH AHI



This past year, AHI piloted its Adolescent-Centered Environment Assessment Process: Behavioral Health ([ACE-AP: BH](#)), an adaptation of AHI's novel quality improvement intervention for primary care, in five Southeast Michigan behavioral health practices.

The [ACE-AP: BH](#) is a quality improvement intervention aimed at improving policies, practices, and physical spaces for youth receiving behavioral health treatment. AHI adapted resources originally designed for primary care settings, and also created new resources specifically for behavioral health centers.

Thomas Atkins, MD, PLLC, psychiatrist, and co-founder of participating site [Grove Emotional Health Collaborative](#) stated that taking part in the [ACE-AP: BH](#) gave their team the tools and coaching needed to make significant changes to their practice. As one example of the impact of their improvements, Dr. Atkins shared that a patient of his who is a young transgender woman recently “lit up” and was visibly moved when she learned that the center had made their restroom gender-neutral.

Sites who participated in the pilot of the [ACE-AP: BH](#) have demonstrated readiness for change in the work towards individual and population-level improvement of behavioral health care for our community's youth. Be on the lookout in 2022 for opportunities to collaborate with AHI to strengthen adolescent-centered behavioral health care services in your practice.

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UPCOMING EVENT OPPORTUNITIES



- Call for Nominations for the [2022 Excellence in Adolescent Health Award](#) opens on Monday, December 13.

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