

youth friendly care

— NETWORK —

Strengthening Care That Works for Teens and Young Adults

Young people in Washington want high-quality, age-appropriate, and culturally relevant care.

They value care that centers their needs and experiences—and that feels:

- Trustworthy, safe, and inclusive
- Non-judgmental and compassionate
- Responsive to their needs
- Clear about health and confidentiality
- Integrates their perspectives

That's why the Washington State Department of Health is partnering with youth and health care organizations to create the **Youth Friendly Care Network**.





Meeting Young People Where They Are

What Is the Youth Friendly Care Network?

The YFCN is a group of youth-serving medical and behavioral health professionals and providers who want to learn more about and get support to establish or enhance youth friendly care in their clinical practice. Our goals are:

- 1 Promote youth-friendly principles among medical and behavioral health providers**
- 2 Build a connected network of youth-friendly providers across Washington**
- 3 Support the delivery of high-quality, age-appropriate medical and behavioral health care for young people**

Participants have access to:

- Consultation and technical assistance on principles of youth-friendly cares, like confidentiality, youth and caregiver engagement, and satisfaction measures
- A curated library of tools, resources, guidance, and materials
- A Community of Practice focused on promoting youth-defined practices, including space to share stories, strategies, and talk with young people
- Print materials, including promotional items for Teen Health Hub WA
- Visibility as a participating provider on [Teen Health Hub WA](#) so young people can find youth-friendly care in their area



Want to Learn More?

- Visit our [Youth Friendly Care Collective](#) webpage
- Have more questions or want to get involved? Email us at adolescenthealthunit@doh.wa.gov



Adolescent and Young Adult Health
Prevention and Community Health
Washington State Department of Health
adolescenthealthunit@doh.wa.gov

To request this document in another format,
call 1-800-525-0127. Deaf or hard of hearing
customers, please call 711 (Washington Relay)
or email doh.information@doh.wa.gov.