

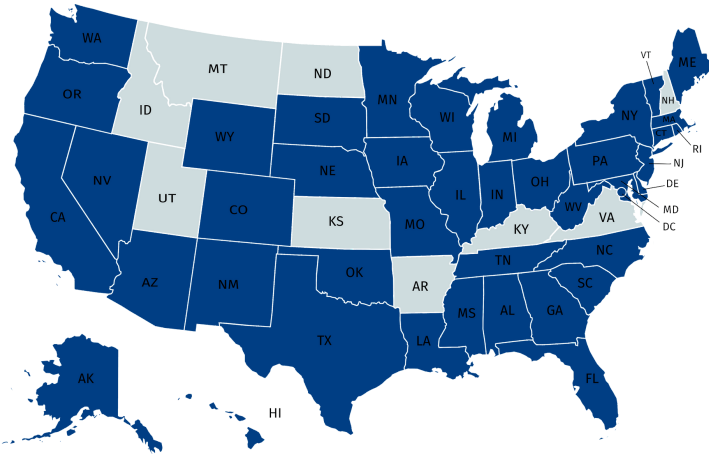


# ADOLESCENT HEALTH INITIATIVE

ADOLESCENT-CENTERED ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT PROCESS (ACE-AP)

The ACE-AP is an 18 month, comprehensive self-assessment and guided improvement process for health care settings that covers key areas of adolescent-centered care.

## THROUGH THE ACE-AP, THE ADOLESCENT HEALTH INITIATIVE. . .



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

**Strengthens** the network of adolescent-centered health care for over **100 health centers**, spanning **40 states**

Provides 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):



**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 including a committed staff and providers who dedicate 1-4 hours/month to the project.
DATA COLLECTION		Staff, providers, and adolescent patients complete surveys. Sites report adolescent-specific health measures.
ASSESSMENT		Facilitated baseline comprehensive self-assessments examining 12 key areas of adolescent-centered care.

## IMPLEMENTATION (12 MONTHS)

IMPLEMENTATION PLANS		Customized plans and resources that support ACE-AP teams as they work towards outcome-driven improvements.
SPARK TRAININGS		Three packaged, 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 highlight successes, identify and problem-solve barriers, and reassess improvement priorities.
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE		Ongoing technical assistance is available to sites throughout the implementation period.

## WRAP-UP (3 MONTHS)

ASSESSMENT		Facilitated year-end comprehensive self-assessments examining 12 key areas of adolescent-centered care.
DATA COLLECTION		Staff, providers, and adolescent patients complete surveys. Sites report adolescent-specific health measures.
CERTIFICATION		Health centers that complete the ACE-AP are eligible for certification as an Adolescent Centered Environment.