WAHCCP
Wisconsin Adolescent Health Care Communication Program

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Goal

To help providers and teens work together to improve their communication, and as a result, the delivery of preventive and clinical services to adolescents in Wisconsin.
The Adolescent Health Care Communication Program (AHCCP):

• Has its roots in the Teen Outreach Reproductive Challenge (TORCH) program in New York City
• Has shown that when trained teenagers are given the opportunity to work directly with health care providers, they are empowered, more confident and well-informed health care consumers
• Has shown that providers who gain this privileged access to the perspectives of their target population learn to better connect with their adolescent patients
Outline of Program

Two adolescent-lead workshops offered:
• “Keeping it Real With Your Patients” Workshop
• “Keep’n it Real With Your Doctor” Workshop

One hands-on training offered:
• Adolescent Standardized Patient Project
Workshops

• Keeping it Real With Your Patients: Teen Educators respond to providers’ questions and dispel misconceptions about what teens want and need at the doctor’s office. The workshop stresses the importance of confidentiality, a non-judgmental attitude and body language and speech that resonates with teens.

• Keep’n It Real With Your Doctor: Teen Educators inform their peers about their health care rights—such as confidentiality, emotional support and access to reproductive health care services—and empower them to take advantage of the knowledge, advice & treatment providers offer.
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