

# WAHCCP



---



Wisconsin Adolescent Health  
Care Communication Program

*A project of the Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health  
in partnership with the National Institute for Reproductive Health*



A project of the Wisconsin Alliance for  
Women's Health, initiated and funded by the  
National Institute for Reproductive Health



Wisconsin Alliance for  
**Women's Health**  
[www.supportwomenshealth.com](http://www.supportwomenshealth.com)



# 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.



# Background

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.



# Today's Teen Educators:

**Elizabeth Wendt**

**Allie Eykholt**

**Blaise Westring**

**Brandon Garland**

**Sophia Noguera**



# Contact:

Amy Olejniczak, MS MPH, Project Director  
Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health  
[Amy.olejniczak@wiawh.org](mailto:Amy.olejniczak@wiawh.org)  
[www.wahccp.org](http://www.wahccp.org)

