

Quick Stats

Agency	Program/Policy Start Date	Number Served Annually	Annual Budget
Department Health and Mental Hygiene	November 2011	TBD	N/A

Problem Statement	Current clinical guidelines, practices and delivery of services aimed at adolescents are varied and inconsistent.
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Research and Evidence	Providing teen-friendly services to adolescents in an age-appropriate environment is crucial to assuring teens make healthy decisions about their sexual and reproductive health, and increasing use of contraception and condoms to prevent unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS among sexually active teens.
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Program Description	DOHMH will develop best practices and minimal criteria for the provision of teen-friendly clinical services. Finalized criteria will incorporate feedback from HHC, NYSDOH, professional associations, and other key partners, and will be disseminated through various channels including DOHMH and key partners' websites and provider networks.
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Implementation Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2011 – Draft teen-friendly best practices • February to April 2012 – Seek endorsements of best practices • Summer 2012 – Finalize teen-friendly criteria and toolkit for providers; finalize web-based database
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Target Population	Adolescents ages 10-24
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Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination and adoption of minimum criteria and best practices • Increased access and utilization of sexual and reproductive health care services
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