

Advancing Youth-Centered Healthcare and Social Services

INDIVIDUALS WORKING COLLECTIVELY TO IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR ARIZONA'S ADOLESCENTS

The Arizona Alliance for Adolescent Health

(The Alliance), an initiative within Affirm, encourages the collective action of those working with today's youth as a means to identify gaps and discover solutions that create lasting impact on the health outcomes of Arizona's adolescents.

Recognizing adolescence as a formative developmental phase, The Alliance understands the value of access to healthcare and social services that intentionally centers young people's physical, emotional, and social health needs while minimizing gaps in care.

As a statewide coalition, The Alliance includes medical, behavioral, and social service professionals who not only serve the adolescent population but are committed to improving adolescent health outcomes by expanding access to high quality healthcare and social services, and improving coordination of care and service delivery across these systems.

The Alliance aims to advance health equity for Arizona's youth between 12 and 24 years of age, by:

- ★ Facilitating interdisciplinary dialogue between experts in clinical practice, research, health policy, and public health about the factors contributing to health disparities in Arizona and the solutions needed to eliminate them.
- ★ Fostering a Community of Practice that shares best practices and innovative strategies to overcome barriers preventing the delivery of high quality healthcare and social services.
- ★ Collectively coordinating opportunities and developing resources to support training, education, workforce development, and capacity building for youth-serving professionals.

Together with its Organizational Partners and Members, The Alliance will continue to expand its statewide coalition while engaging in work that informs and drives the goal of achieving optimal health and wellbeing and advancing equity for adolescents.

