Rationale for Confidentiality

Confidentiality in Adolescent Health Care

Developmentally Expected

Supported by Expert Consensus

Clinically Essential





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In a clinical setting, confidentiality affects an adolescent's

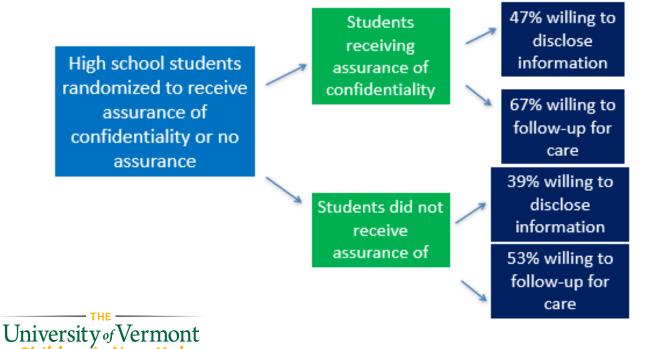
Decision to seek care

Disclosure of behaviors

Follow-up for care



Confidentiality Assurances Enable Better Clinical Care



Children's Hospital

Ford C, et al. JAMA 1997;278:1029-34.

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2000 study of 32 MA high schools 76% of students wanted the ability to obtain confidential health care

Only 45% perceived that confidential care was available to them

University of Vermont
Children's Hospital

Thrall J, et al. Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med. 2000;154:885-892.

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Confidentiality is developmentally expected:

Emotional need for increasing autonomy

Increasing intellectual capacity to give informed consent

Opportunity to take responsibility for health

