What if nothing got in the way of a young person accessing the health and social services they needed? No transportation or financial barriers. No concerns about confidentiality. No fear of stigma or discrimination. No restrictive policies limiting providers' services. Would we be ready? Would we be set?

Today's health and social services landscape is changing so rapidly that providers and policy makers can't keep pace. It's even more difficult for young people to know the latest. We need to equip all who work with youth – from front-line providers to systems-level administrators – with perspectives and tools for creating practices and policies that meet the health and social service needs of young people.

July 28th - July 30th
July 31st (graduate students only)
St. Paul, Minnesota

Ready, Set, Now! It is the right time to engage in creative and courageous conversations about how we can redesign our services to assure they are youth-friendly. From the eyes of young people, are services accessible, affordable, appropriate, and, perhaps most of all, acceptable? Do providers have skills for creating welcoming places, building trust, and engaging young people as partners in health?

During the 2014 Summer Institute, we will catch up on the latest in policies affecting access to services, examine tools for evaluating the "friendliness" of youth services, visit settings that are successfully supporting young people, and listen to how others have learned from experience about reaching all young people, especially those often excluded from access – those struggling with mental/health problems or addictions, those living in immigrant communities or rural areas, those who are homeless or incarcerated. Think about new ways for drawing young men into clinical services. Most importantly, during the Institute, listen to young people advise us on key elements of youth-friendly services and how we can work with them to advocate for access to the services they need.

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Who Should Attend?
All who work with young people – nurses, nutritionists, physicians, psychologists, social workers, counselors, youth workers, teachers, coaches, administrators, religious leaders, policy makers, and youth advocates.
Day 2: If the changing policy landscape in the US means more young people seeking services, are we ready?

- Debate with national, state, and local experts from youth policy, health, and social service settings on how the changing landscape affects young people and their access to services.
- Order of young people discuss their experiences with what works and what doesn’t when they seek use services.
- Examine tools designed to assess qualities of youth-friendly services.

Day 2: If we could tackle current barriers and challenges to engaging young people, what are we set?

- Visit youth service settings to hear from doctors, staff, and young people design their settings to engage and involve youth.
- Talk with adolescent/adult trained as teachers about ways providers can effectively engage high-risk young people at all types of service settings.
- A facilitated exercise to engage hard-to-reach populations of young people and those struggling with multiple challenges to their health and well-being.

Registration Form

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Ready, Set, Now! Access and Youth-Friendly Services

Day 3: If providing youth-friendly services means we must change, the time is now!

- Hear experts describe successful strategies for engaging adolescent boys and young men in various services—especially those focused on sexual health and reproductive health.
- Engage in creative and courageous conversations about how we must add new tools to reach services to the young men.
- Ask the thoughest questions about new challenges and hear answers; lessons learned from all institute faculty and participants.

Institute Schedule
The institute runs from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm each day.

Graduate Credit Options
The institute may take credit to two graduate credits through the University of Minnesota Graduate Credit.

Register for University of Minnesota Graduate Credit
Two-semester graduate credits are available for the institute, as course number 5462. Students admitted to a University of Minnesota degree program must follow the University of Minnesota registration procedures and deadlines for the Summer Session. Call 612-624-k bid for a permission number.

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