

ORGANISATIONAL CHECKLIST

WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND SEXUAL HEALTH

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About this checklist

This self-assessment checklist is for all workers and services that see young people, including services that have a general focus but still work with young people.

It will help you plan sexual health activities as part of your work. It is based on the five areas of action for health promotion in the Integrated health promotion kit by Vic Health.

Please use this checklist alongside the Youth Friendly Checklist for Health Services, Working with Aboriginal people and communities – Health and community services audit.

Using this checklist

The checklist can be completed by an individual on behalf of a service or used by teams for discussion and planning. Involving young people in this process is useful.

Work through each category, answering questions by selecting 'yes', 'no', or 'partly'. Use the spaces to describe your current practices and plan for what can be done within your setting.

You can save this checklist electronically, making it easy to share and collate the information.

Using the checklist regularly can capture improvements over time.

Help with this checklist

Your service may be able to seek assistance from your local HIV and Related Programs (HARP) Unit Health Promotion Team or other relevant service.

Contact the NSW STI Programs Unit, NSW Health (www.stipu.nsw.gov.au) to find your local contacts.

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1. SETTINGS AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS	YES	PARTLY	NO
Does your organisation have policies in place that support sexual health work with young people? (You can find 'Model policies' in this resource kit)			
Does your organisation integrate sexual health content into its programs?			
Are condoms freely and readily available to young people using your service?			
Does your organisation have spaces available to talk privately about sexual health?			
Are staff confident in understanding and interpreting child protection policies and workers' rights and responsibilities? (See 'Consent, age and the law' fact sheet in the resource kit for more information)			
Do you have strategies for engaging and promoting sexual health work to parents and communities?			
Have staff in your organisation reviewed and completed the exercise on the 'Exploring values' fact sheet in the resource kit?			
PLEASE DESCRIBE:			
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:			
2. COMMUNITY ACTION	YES	PARTLY	NO
Does your organisation involve young people when planning sexual health activities?			
Does your organisation promote and refer young people to agencies that support sexual diversity? (For example: Twenty10 and ACON)			
Does your organisation have links or partnerships with culturally relevant services or workers?			
Does your organisation participate in community events that promote sexual health?			
Does your organisation have links with local sexual health promotion workers for support and mentoring? (For example: HARP Unit, Family Planning NSW and youth health services)			
PLEASE DESCRIBE:			
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:			
3. HEALTH INFORMATION AND SOCIAL MARKETING	YES	PARTLY	NO
Does your organisation's website include links to sexual health websites such as Play Safe (www.playsafe.health.nsw.gov.au) and Family Planning NSW (www.fpnsw.org.au)?			
Do your organisation's computers include links to online resources and websites such as Play Safe? Are these actively used and promoted?			
Does your organisation use social media to promote sexual health to young people?			
Do you have sexual health posters and pamphlets on display?			
PLEASE DESCRIBE:			
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:			
4. HEALTH EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	YES	PARTLY	NO
Have staff received training on engaging with young people on sexual health?			
Have staff completed cultural competency training?			
Have staff completed training in diverse genders and sexualities?			
Do staff have easy access to games, resources and activities to engage in sexual health work with young people individually and in groups?			
Is sexual health included in your organisation's living skills or group work programs?			
PLEASE DESCRIBE:			
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:			
5. SCREENING AND INDIVIDUAL RISK ASSESSMENT	YES	PARTLY	NO
Does your organisation have links with a range of sexual health service options for young people and clearly articulated referral pathways? (For example: sexual health clinics, youth friendly GPs)			
Does your organisation refer young people to local services for sexual health care?			
Does your organisation use or promote online screening tools for sexual health?			
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