

# Adolescent-Centered Environment Assessment Tool for Behavioral Health (ACE- AP: BH)

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## BACKGROUND

The Adolescent Centered Environment Assessment Process for Behavioral Health (ACE-AP: BH) was adapted from a previous version of the ACE-AP for primary care by the University of Michigan's Adolescent Health Initiative (<http://www.adolescenthealthinitiative.org/>) and is a compilation of best practices in adolescent care specifically for behavioral health settings.

This tool was created in conjunction with subject matter experts in behavioral health, and informed by standards of care that are set by the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the United States Preventive Services Task Force, the World Health Organization, and AHI's youth council.

The purpose of the ACE-AP: BH is to identify a behavioral health center's strengths in providing high-quality care to adolescent patients and to prioritize opportunities for improvement. The ACE-AP: BH is a comprehensive self-assessment tool, which covers key areas of adolescent-centered care in behavioral health. An AHI coach facilitates the ACE-AP: BH process with a behavioral health center team. During the process, teams prioritize areas for improvement over the course of a year.

Based on these priorities, AHI creates a customized Implementation Plan with recommendations, work flows, scripts, and curated resources to help remove barriers to change and streamlines implementation to improve care delivery to adolescents. For more information, please email [adolescenthealth@umich.edu](mailto:adolescenthealth@umich.edu).

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS

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