

MINORS HAVE RIGHTS - KNOW WHAT THEY ARE

In Illinois, MINORS (12-17 yrs old) have rights for confidentiality and consent by law. You DO NOT need your parent's permission, or their health insurance, for certain services.

YOUTH AGES 12 AND UP DO NOT NEED CONSENT FROM A PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR:

- Pregnancy testing & prenatal care
- Birth control information
- Contraceptives (condoms, the pill, etc.)
- Testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- Substance abuse treatment
- Mental health counseling (Up to 8 counseling sessions. Please call or visit the health center for more information)

SEXUAL HEALTH

- STI/HIV testing, no consent needed 12 and older
- You can purchase condoms at any age, or visit our Health Center for FREE condoms
- Emergency Contraception (EC) (e.g. Plan B One-Step over the counter) does not require consent to purchase
- You do not need anyone's permission to get a pregnancy test from a store or from a clinic. If you are pregnant in Illinois, you have full adult legal rights
- Please be sure to ask for Title X services (provides sexual health and family planning services at low or no cost)

MENTAL HEALTH

- Mental health services include counseling and therapy
- 12-16 yrs old can consent to eight 90-minute sessions
- 17 and older no limit on sessions
- You can go to a counselor if you're feeling depressed, if you have anxiety, if you have problems with anger, addiction, or with eating
- If you need to talk to someone now, please call the Crisis hotline 24/7 at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or text "HOME" to 741741

HOW CAN WE HELP

- The Will County Community Health Centers in Joliet and Bolingbrook have walk-in Teen Clinic hours, but you are welcome to schedule appointments or walk-in anytime the clinics are open, including Saturdays in Joliet
- The Will County Health Department and Community Health Centers are a safe place for all who enter our doors



VISIT THE WILL COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER'S TEEN CLINIC

Mondays 3pm-6pm (Joliet)
Tues/Thurs 10am-6pm (Bolingbrook)
Call 815-727-8670



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