

Providers and Teens Communicating for Health

Core PATCH Package

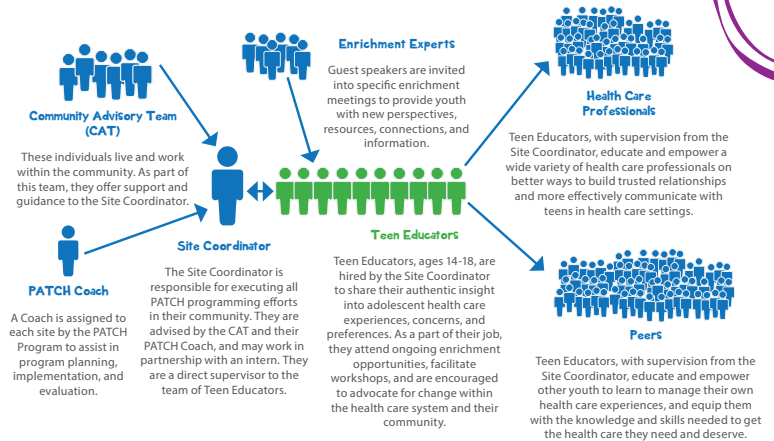
A Replicable, Youth-Driven Intervention to Improve the Way Adolescents Receive, Experience, and Utilize Health Care

For the past 10+ years, the Providers and Teens Communicating for Health (PATCH) Program has worked alongside and in true partnership with youth to improve the health and well-being of their generation.

**...Because THEY are the experts!
THEY are able to provide authentic insights into the concerns, preferences, and realities of their generation.
THEY can make a difference.**

Launching a PATCH Site! The Core PATCH Package is a innovative, youth-driven program replication package that helps address the way adolescents receive, experience, and utilize health care in your local community. We strive to support partners throughout all phases of planning, implementing, and sustaining their own PATCH Site. With training, materials, and ongoing support from our team, you will feel empowered to bring youth voice to the forefront of adolescent health care conversations while providing the knowledge, skills, and opportunities that enable them to thrive and flourish into adulthood.

Approach: PATCH Sites hire and train youth ages 14-18 to participate in a year-long, youth-driven curriculum. The curriculum is designed to educate, engage, and empower youth to facilitate PATCH workshops and advocate for change within the community and health care system.



Impact: PATCH has been implemented in diverse communities throughout the nation and has shown promising impact through robust evaluation. Teen Educator alumni have grown into thriving, connected, and productive members of society, while workshop participants have shown increases in knowledge, confidence, and behavioral intentions. Furthermore, actual behavior change has been demonstrated by healthcare professionals.

PATCH in YOUR community: With robust training and technical assistance, our PATCH staff is ready to help YOU implement a successful program from recruitment and maintenance of a PATCH Teen Educator team to workshop facilitation, and much more! We are excited to work collaboratively with you every step of the way to ensure the program meets the needs and priorities of youth in your area. While we bring expertise in creating meaningful youth-adult partnerships and the Core PATCH Package model, we continue to learn and evolve from our growing community of practice. Additional resources, opportunities, adaptations, and strategies are available to systematically improve adolescent health care in your community.

Contact us today to request a planning guide and talk about how we can support you in your current efforts! Learn more at www.patchprogram.org or get in touch at staff@patchprogram.org.

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