

From Evidence to Action: A State Adolescent Health Policy Partnership Workshop

Information Session

December 10, 2025

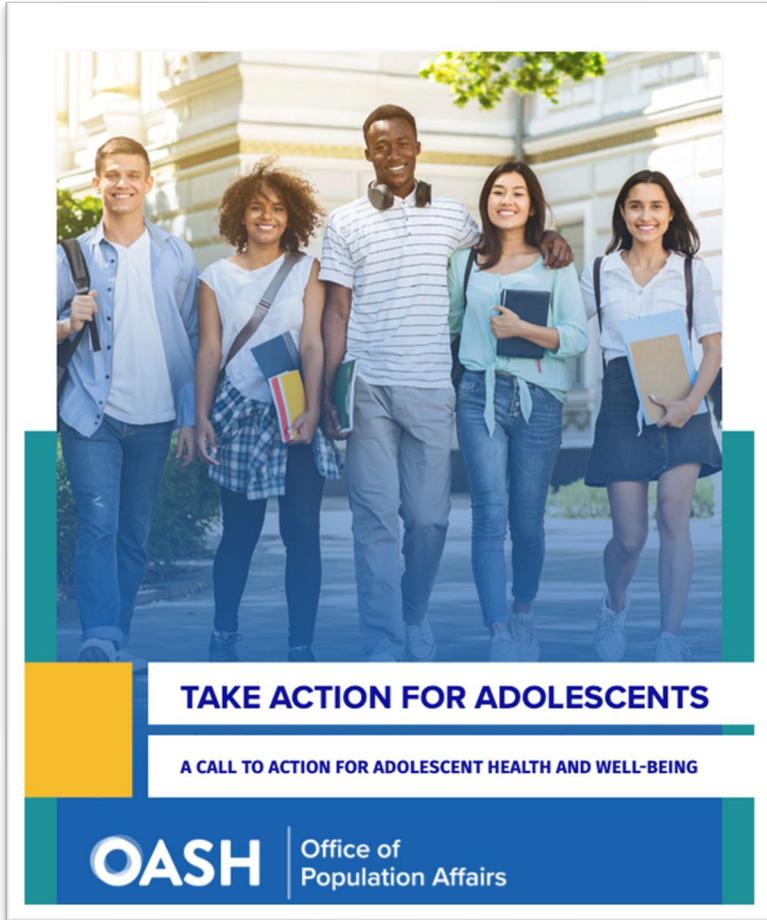
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Adolescent Health &
Well-being Project



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Engage key stakeholders in the *Take Action* agenda for adolescent health and well-being



Conduct policy research to identify the impact of national, state & local policies on access, availability, and quality of health care / education for adolescents



Develop a series of policy briefs summarizing the research & identify strategies to improve adolescent health services and outcomes.



Disseminate the policy briefs through publications & events to support:

- Action Plans to improve adolescent & related services
- Accountability reporting on progress towards commitments

Take Action for Adolescents™ Goals



Goal 1: Eliminate disparities to advance health for all



Goal 2: Increase youth agency and youth engagement



Goal 3: Ensure access to safe and supportive environments



Goal 4: Increase coordination and collaboration within and across systems



Goal 5: Expand access to health care and human services



Goal 6: Strengthen training and support for caring adults



Goal 7: Improve health information and health literacy



Goal 8: Support, translate, and disseminate research

The AHWP State Adolescent Health Policy Partnership Workshop

Goals & Objectives

Develop a cohort of adolescent health experts who are motivated to improve adolescent health through collaboration with their state's or territory's government officials.



Explain how decisions are made, identify key pressure points, and describe strategies for effective partnership across health and non-health departments in state government.



Describe the role of Title V MCH program and other structures in state or territorial government



Analyze the state or territory's adolescent health landscape, including key stakeholders, priority data, Title V implementation, and relevant cross-departmental opportunities.



Develop a concrete action plan for partnering with state or territorial officials to advance adolescent health policy.

Who Should Apply?

Any professional in adolescent health who is...

- ✓ Motivated to collaborate with state government & work on shared priorities.
- ✓ Have prior state or other government relations experience? OR have motivation and commitment to get that experience.
- ✓ Ready to complete pre-work, attend the workshop and partner with government for 6-12 months afterwards.
- ✓ Applying for the state/territory that is applicable for 6-12mo after SAHM.

Open to any professional discipline, state, territory, political landscape. Must be a SAHM member & register by the meeting.

How to Apply

1. Decide if you are applying as an individual or a team
 - i. Individuals can be adolescent health professionals from any discipline or background; senior, junior or young professionals all can apply.
 - ii. Teams (generally 1-4 people) are encouraged to include a young professional.
 - iii. Teams may choose to include a state government official – *discuss with AHWP team if you're interested in this option.*
2. Fill out the application [online](#)
3. Send in your CV along with any other team members' CVs to adolescenthealth@stanford.edu

Timeline

Before Workshop

- Applications Open – **Dec. 3**
- Information Session – **Dec. 10**
- Open Office Hours – **Dec. 8, 12, 17**
- **Applications Due – Jan. 5**
- Notification of Selection – **early January**
- Orientation Session – **mid January**
- Preparatory Work by Participants – **January – March**

SAHM meeting

Pre-Conference
Workshop

March 2nd

10-4:30pm

Seattle

After Workshop

- Collaborative Work in State/Territory with government
- TA and evidence update meetings
- **March 2025 – February 2026**

Workshop Details

- Monday, March 2nd, 10-4:30 at the Westin Seattle prior to SAHM26
- Selected participants will represent up to 8-12 states/territories
- Topics:
 - State health policy mechanisms for adopting, translating, implementing and regulating policy
 - State government priority setting processes, with a focus on Title V
 - Strategies for effectively advancing policy within governmental structures
 - Skills to build productive relationships and become trusted resources
- Individuals/teams will craft an action plan for collaboration with their state or territorial government to advance adolescent health

Logistics & Compensation

- Funding is available to support participants with up to two nights of hotel accommodations and a daily per diem of up to \$92 for each of two days.
- Registration for the SAHM meeting (at least 1 day) is required and not covered.
- Transportation to and from the meeting and other logistics are not covered.
- For state or territorial health officials who participate as part of a team, costs of travel and attendance can also be covered.
- Please contact the [AHWP team](#) for additional details and specific requests.

More Information & Other Opportunities

- Join open office hours to ask more questions
 - Friday, December 12th – 9a PT / 12p ET (1 hour)
 - Wednesday, December 17th – 7a PT / 10a ET (1 hour)
- Reach out to us via email at adolescenthealth@stanford.edu
- Check out the webpage: adolescenthealth.org/meetings/2026-annual-meeting/awhp-workshop/

Other Upcoming Policy-related Opportunities

- Attend AHWP's *"Be the Change": Shaping Policy with your Adolescent Health Expertise and Perspective* at SAHM26, Thurs 3/5, 1:30-3:30pm
- Join an AHWP Research and Writing Team for policy papers and briefs