

Screening PROCESS



SUPPORT

Identified concerns are communicated to guardians along with resources. Confidentiality is maintained, with follow-ups from our staff ensuring an effective debriefing experience.



SCREENING

Complete the screening at a designated location, identifying concerns like depression, anxiety, suicidal tendencies, substance use, etc.



CONSENT

Parents and youth must consent in writing to the screening and post-screen discussions with staff.


WANT MORE *info?*



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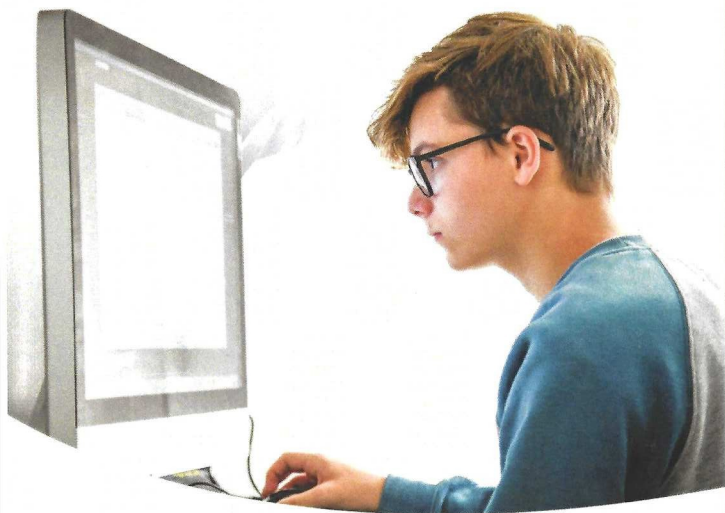
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Youth SCREEN PROGRAM

Identifying mental health concerns in youth and connecting them with help post-screening.



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What IS IT?

The Youth Screen Program, evolved from Columbia University's "TeenScreen", is a computer-based screening instrument that assists in identifying mental health, suicide, and substance abuse risks in Tennessee's youth. Offered free to qualifying communities and institutions, the Youth Screen Program seeks to identify youth with mental health risk – before they fall behind in school, end up in trouble, or attempt to take their own lives.

It comprises a Program Manager, Case Manager, interns, volunteers, and TN Voices' Clinical Director for supervision.

FREQUENTLY ASKED *Questions:*

Are Youth Screen results confidential?

Yes, screening results are confidential. The screening records are kept for TN Voices program purposes only. However if program staff believes that the youth is in immediate danger or is a danger to others, they are mandated by law to notify appropriate personnel and/or necessary authorities.

What if the parent provides consent, but the youth does not want to participate?

The program is completely voluntary. Youth may decline to participate with no repercussions.

How much does Youth Screen cost?

Participation in Youth Screen is completely free of cost to the youth, family, and school or community site.

How do you sign up to participate in Youth Screen?

Legal guardians of youth ages 11-15 can sign their youth up to participate in the program. Youth ages 16 and older can sign themselves up to participate. Please fill out the consent form to participate.

What happens after the screening?

Program staff will contact parents/legal guardians to share the screening results if there are concerns, and to share ways to get connected with help. If the youth is 16 or older, they may request to be contacted directly with their results. The program staff will contact parents/legal guardians of any youth who screens positive for recent suicidal thoughts or attempts.

Does Youth Screen recommend treatment?

If program staff believes that further evaluation or services would be beneficial to the youth due to mental health concerns or symptoms, we will inform you of this suggestion. We are happy to help you get connected to a resource that can provide further evaluation and services. Youth Screen itself does not provide mental health diagnoses.

