Adolescent & Young Adult Health Collaborative Improvement & Innovation Network (AYAH-CollN)

Advancing evidence-based/evidence-informed strategies to increase access to and the quality of preventive health care visits for young people



An innovative group with no shortage of ideas, eager to incorporate different perspectives.



What's Already AWESOME for AYAH in MD?

An active Youth Advisory Council is leading the Baltimore City Health Department's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative. Additionally, Project Connect Baltimore's Y2Connect is linking AYAs to clinical services and educational information throughout the city.

Maryland

... is heightening awareness of the well-visit and ensuring that all AYAs from various backgrounds can connect to health care with which they feel comfortable.



Young Adult Representatives on the Maryland team will contribute important perspectives on mentoring and youth development.



"We have a lot of resources in our state in terms of expertise, but there are disparities that we're up against. We have people who live in neighborhoods just a few blocks from these great hospitals who aren't connecting to these resources. We are trying to be proactive to make sure that the main focus of this project is on all AYAs from various backgrounds, parts of the state, and different experiences."

- Christine Johnson, State Adolescent Health Coordinator, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene -

