

Integrating HIV and Reproductive Health Services for Youth: Framing the Issue

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“Integrated Services” Has Multiple Meanings

- Youth sexual behavior is connected with both reproductive health and HIV/STI issues
- Educational materials can provide information that addresses risks of unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, and HIV
- Focus today is on clinical services

Integrated Clinical Services

- Offering two or more services at the same facility during the same operating hours
- Provider actively encourages clients to consider more than one service during the same visit
- Promoted more than one service to make these services more convenient and efficient.



Types of Integrated Services

Focus of Today's Meeting

- Integration of Reproductive Health and HIV services

Other Approaches to Integration Affecting Youth

- Youth friendly services integrated into adult services
- More than one reproductive health service at same site such as contraceptives and pre-natal care
- RH/HIV service integrated with another type of service – e.g., substance abuse prevention or vocational education

Issues to Consider

- Youth needs vary – by age, marital status, and HIV status
- Context of service varies – by HIV prevalence and social norms toward unmarried youth
- Perspectives may vary among both family planning and HIV communities – providers, donors, programs, etc.
- Additional costs that may be involved