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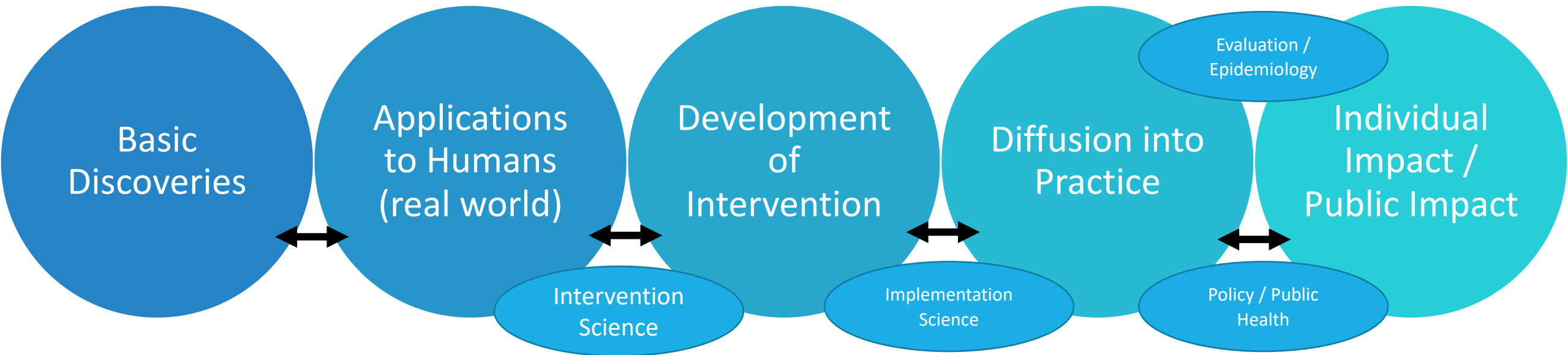
Parenting Project & ACT
for Youth Joint In-Service
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*Advancing Positive Youth
Development and
Adolescent Well-Being*

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Translational Research Cycle



ACT for youth



Capacity-building, evaluation, & information clearinghouse for adolescent health initiatives

New York State Department of Health
Department of Health and Human Services



Positive Youth Development (PYD) curriculum development, training, & resources



Youth Engagement: Curriculum development, consultancy & resources

Office of Population Affairs

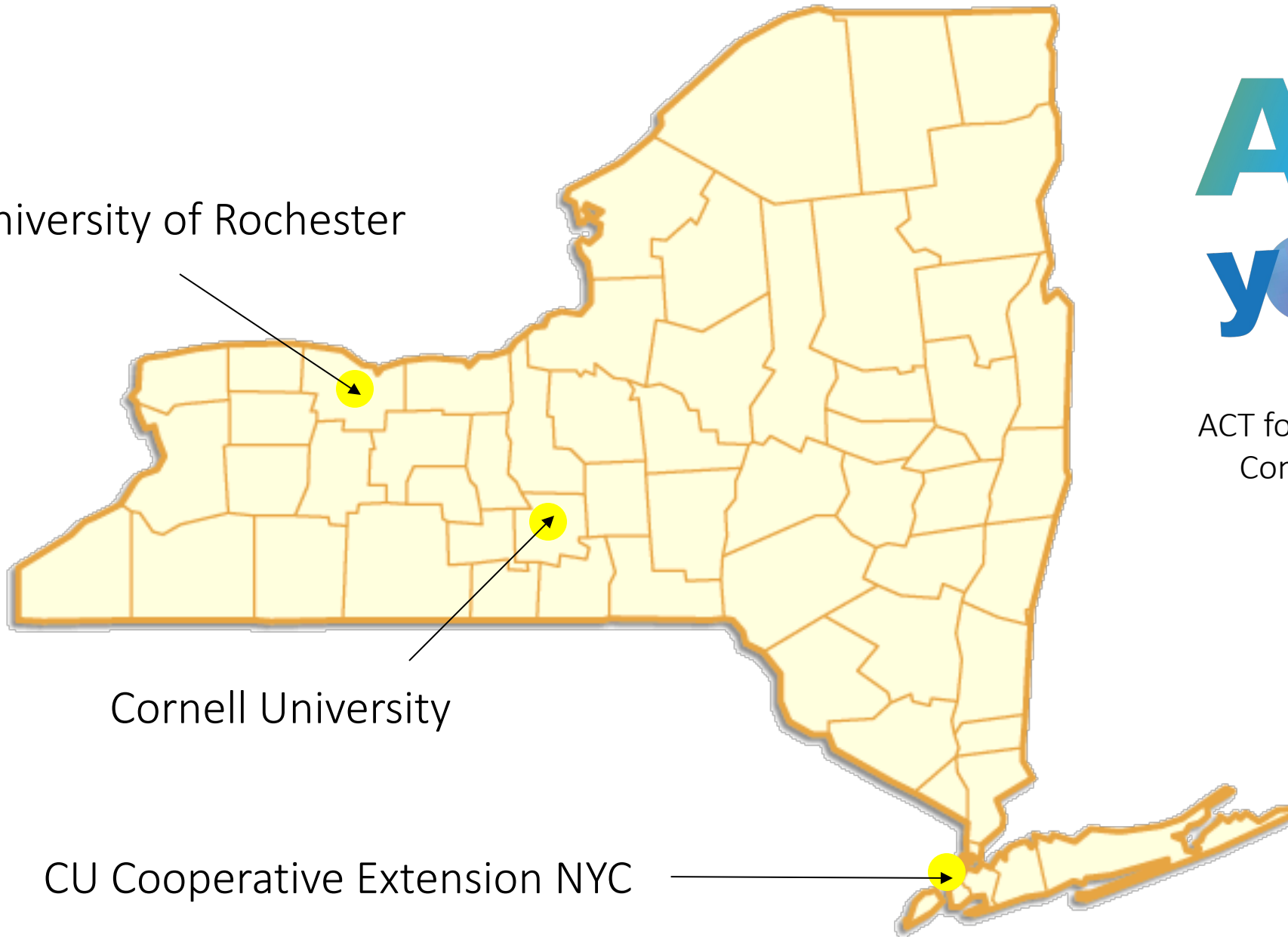


Research synthesis



Youth program evaluation

University of Rochester



Cornell University

CU Cooperative Extension NYC



ACT for Youth Center for
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www.actforyouth.net

Our team!



ACT Structure & Staff

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We support

**Adolescent Pregnancy
Prevention Providers:
48 CAPP
7 PREP**

**SRAE:
12 Partners**

**HIV/STD/HPC
Prevention Providers:
21 YMSM
7 YHA**

through

- Technical assistance (TA)
- Training
- Evaluation and research
- Dissemination of information on current research and best practices

Training and Capacity Building

- In Person Trainings
 - Facilitation Fundamentals
 - Positive Youth Development
 - Curriculum (with Teach Backs)
- Online webinars
 - Answering Tough Questions
 - Puberty and Adolescence
 - Mindfulness
- Online Learning Communities
 - Supervisors
 - New Educators
- Individualized support
- Observations and feedback
- Contracted Trainings with
 - Reality Check
 - Buffalo Charter School
 - Boys and Girls Club of Harlem

Evaluation

Process & Outcome Evaluation:

- Develop systems for collecting, reviewing & synthesizing data
- Summaries and facilitation of continuous quality improvement
- Evaluation summaries for reporting
- Participant survey data collection, analysis & synthesis

Research: Answering Questions

From existing research

From youth

From programs

Research Methods

Systematic reviews & research synthesis

Experimental design

Surveys

Focus groups

Interviews (including dyads)

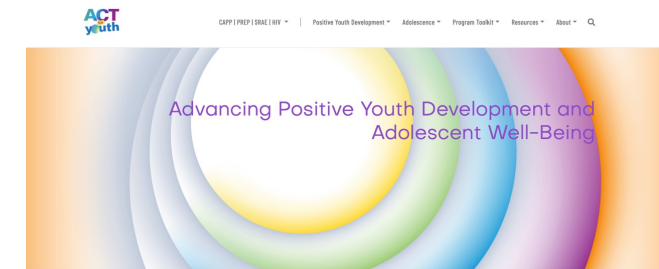
Concept mapping

Participatory action research

PhotoVoice

Clearinghouse

- Website: www.actforyouth.net
 - DOH program-specific resources, tools, & online trainings
 - Nationally recognized Positive Youth Development expertise
 - Information, training manuals, online training, “toolkits” to support PYD at program/organization/community levels
- Publications & Presentations
- Newsletters
 - ACT for Youth Update
 - ACT for Adolescent Health



ACT (Assets Coming Together) for Youth

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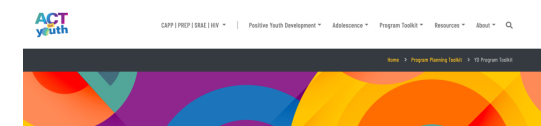
Who Needs to Know? Confidentiality in Adolescent Sexual Health Care

by Karen Schantz

This information is between us. Anything you tell me is confidential, which means that we will not inform your parents or anyone else without your consent. I would only tell someone else if I thought you had been abused or hurt, or if I believed you were at serious risk of harming yourself or someone else. If that were the case and I needed to talk to someone else, I would first talk to you and we would make a plan together.

Adolescents seeking sexual and reproductive health care are likely to hear a version of this speech—but does it fully address their privacy concerns? What does confidentiality mean in practice, and can it be improved to meet young people's needs? In view of rising rates of sexually transmitted disease (STD) among young people, ACT for Youth reviewed recent research to update our understanding of the importance and practice of confidentiality for adolescents seeking sexual and reproductive health care.

How do adolescents view confidentiality?



Special Projects

- Statewide Provider Meetings
- Adolescent Sexual Health Symposium
- Statewide Youth Development Team Representation
- Research Synthesis: Health equity/disparities
- Community social network analyses
- Focus Group Projects - examples:
 - Family planning
 - Preconception health
 - Sugar-sweetened beverages
- Adolescent Health Research Project (multi-component)
- RCT Study – collaboration with DOH (Brothers as Allies, additional Rural/Tribal project)
- Rigorous Evaluation of Educational Support Programming with foster care-involved youth
- Peer-reviewed Journal Articles
 - Special issue of the [Journal of Public Health Management and Practice](#)

Website Highlights:

www.actforyouth.net



Positive Youth Development: <https://www.actforyouth.net/pyd/>

Adolescent Development: <https://www.actforyouth.net/adolescence/>

Youth Development Program Toolkit: <https://www.actforyouth.net/program-toolkit/>

Activity Toolkits:

<https://www.actforyouth.net/program-toolkit/yd-activities/>

<https://www.actforyouth.net/program-toolkit/yd-activities/sel/>

<https://www.actforyouth.net/program-toolkit/yd-activities/adulthood/>

<https://www.actforyouth.net/program-toolkit/yd-activities/media.cfm>

Other Resources: <https://www.actforyouth.net/pro-resources/>

Connecting With

- Access information and resources on our website:
<https://www.actforyouth.net>
- Join the ACT for Youth Update:
<https://www.actforyouth.net/pro-resources/update.cfm>
- Participate in an upcoming training: Facilitating Programs with Youth
https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0IKV0WCfnEGpZC6
- Contact us with your research questions or training needs!
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Thank you!

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