

Example Integration Statements

Integration statements create opportunities to integrate fatherhood and sexual and reproductive health into the conversations we are already having with our adolescent clients. Integration statements **communicate** that we're introducing fatherhood and sexual and reproductive health into the conversation, **clarify** how fatherhood and sexual/reproductive health are connected, **normalize** the conversation, and **ask** for the client's permission before sharing information or asking questions.

GENERAL

A lot of young men I see have questions about preventing pregnancy and STIs and HIV, but don't know where to find out more or when to get services. **Would it be okay if we talked more about that today?** Our conversation will stay confidential.

A lot of young men I see don't want to be fathers right now and have questions about birth control and want to know more. **Would it be okay if I shared with you where you or any of your friends could go to get more information about birth control and preventing pregnancy?** I will keep this conversation private.

A lot of young people want to protect themselves from STIs and pregnancy, but don't know where to go to get care. I want to make sure you know about resources available in the community to get condoms, STI testing, and birth control. **Would it be okay if I shared these resources with you today?** Everything we talk about today will stay confidential.

A lot of young men that I work with don't have anyone to talk to about if and when they may want to become a father. **Would it be okay if we talked more today about your thoughts on fatherhood at this point in your life?** This will be a confidential conversation.

I work to make sure all the young people I work with know about where to get STI/HIV testing and treatment services, condoms and birth control in our community. There are services that are especially for teens and young adults that are confidential (meaning that these services are private and you don't need permission from parents to access them. They are also free or low cost. **Would it be okay if I shared this information with you today?** Our conversation will be private too.

I ask all of our clients about sexual and reproductive health, because I think it's an important aspect of health and I want to make sure we're supporting our clients in the best way we can. It's important for young people to know there are confidential resources in the community that can help answer the questions or concerns they may have. **Our conversation about these resources is also confidential.**

CLINICAL

Okay, I just have a few more questions to ask and then you'll be ready to see the nurse to get your vaccines. Before you go, because we don't provide these services here, we want to make sure that all the young people we see have information about where to go to get STI or HIV testing and treatment and where to get condoms or birth control. **Would it be okay if I gave you information about where to go for these kinds of services today?**

Your sports physical is done and you are good to play football this season. Before you go, I wanted to take a moment with you to discuss your thoughts on being a father and preventing a pregnancy. An unintended pregnancy could interrupt your plans for the future and it's important to have good information and to know where to go. **Would that be okay?** This conversation will be confidential.

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SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT

*I can tell that you are really committed to your treatment, and I want to help you connect to all the tools you need to stay on track. For some of my clients that means not becoming a father while in treatment. **What are your thoughts about fatherhood right now?** Like our other conversations, this conversation is confidential.*

COURT-INVOLVED YOUTH

*It sounds like you know what you want for your future. I want to help you stay on track with your probation, so you can make those things happen. If it is okay with you, I want to talk about where having another child fits into your life right now. **Would that be okay?** Our conversation will be confidential.*

FOSTER CARE

*It was good to catch up with you today. I want to make sure you have the tools and the information you need to feel like you have control over when you become a father or start your own family. **Would it be alright if we spent some time talking about your thoughts on fatherhood?** The things we discuss today will be kept private.*