# Adolescent Guidelines

Week 7









# **Special Populations Deserve Special Considerations**

How are they different?
How is the use of social media different?
Best practice guidelines for adolescents.





# How familiar are clients with technology and the internet?

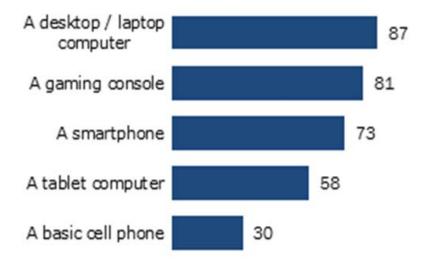




## A Typical Teen Sends and Receives 109 Texts a Day

#### Teens' Phone, Computer & Console Access

% of all teens who have or have access to the following:



Source: Pew Research Center's Teens Relationships Survey, Sept. 25-Oct. 9, 2014 and Feb. 10-Mar. 16, 2015 (n=1,060 teens ages 13 to 17).

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# 11% of Cell-Owning Teens Use Anonymous Sharing or Question Apps, i.e. Whisper, YikYak

#### Frequency of Internet Use by Teens

% of teens ages 13 to 17 who use the internet with the following frequencies

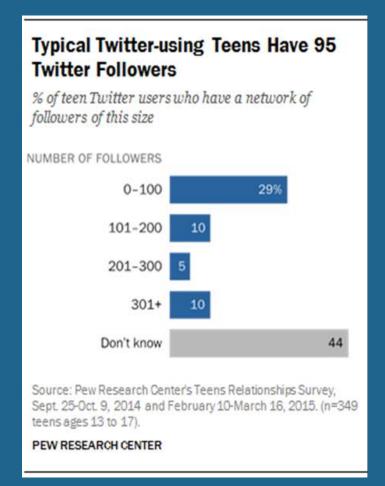


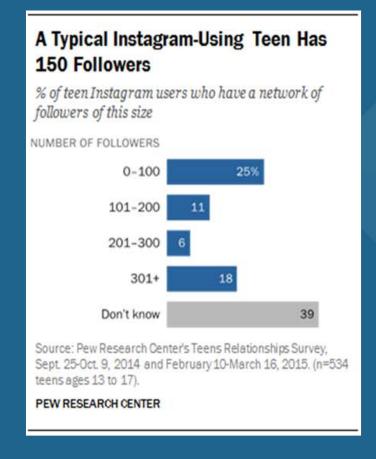
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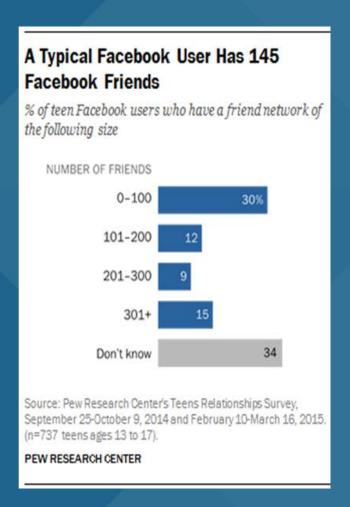
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#### What are friends?

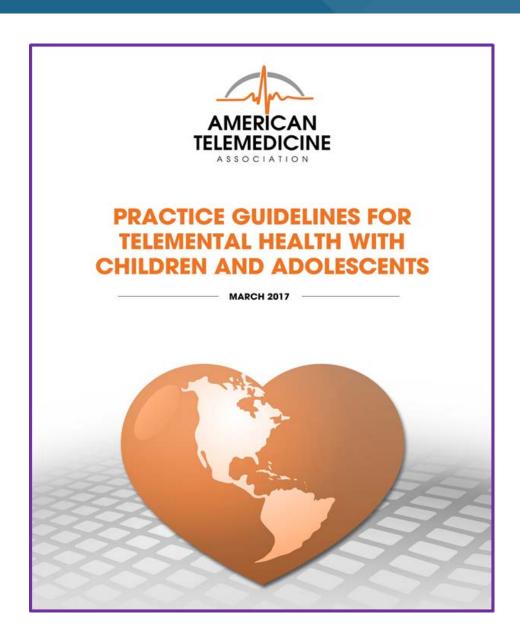








#### **American Telemedicine**





## **Special Population Considerations**

- Different diagnoses for youth
- Assessments include adult input
- Interventions include the caregiver
- Providers are more varied, behavior analysist, special education teachers, etc.



## **Special Population Considerations**

#### Workforce Issues

Youth trained providers are few in comparison to the need

#### **Location of Services**

 Youth are at home, school, treatment centers, juvenile justice centers



## **Special Population Considerations**

#### **Medication Management:**

- Ryan Haight Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2008
- Requires in-person evaluation prior to prescribing online
- Review your state and federal DEA guidelines!



## **Assessing Appropriateness**

- Always assess for youth AND parent preferences
- Developmental and diagnostic considerations
- Does parent have resources to deal with risks
- Can child follow instructions without local adult involvement



## **Assessing Your Style of Therapy**

- Space for parents and others
- Play therapy?
- Drawing space for diagnostic work
- Good cameras for diagnostic work



#### **Assessing Appropriateness**

Safety Measures:

If offsite is there someone there to monitor the child and family - example – child runs out, anger management group acting out