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## **Transitioning care, support, and treatment services for adolescents living with HIV: Regional Technical Consultation Report, February 7–10, 2012, Gaborone, Botswana**

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### **Description:**

Advances in antiretroviral therapy (ART) and improved health services mean that increasing numbers of children infected with HIV perinatally will survive into adulthood. This group is emerging as a unique population that presents a special challenge to policymakers, programmers, and service providers, who need to understand this population's special need. Transition can be both a mental and physical challenge for all ALHIV and, given the limited number of health providers throughout sub-Saharan Africa, it is likely that many adolescents will not physically transition to a new provider or to a new clinic. However, all adolescents will undergo a mental transition to adulthood that will require an increase in their ability to manage HIV. Although children perinatally infected may have very different clinical care needs than those behaviorally infected, social support services needs are similar. Practitioners, government officials, and program managers shared knowledge, experience, and resources as they discussed how best to care for ALHIV, and how to increase the services provided to adolescents infected perinatally and behaviorally. This consultation report is intended to reflect the discussions that took place over the three-and-a-half day consultation, and will complement the presentations, which can be found on the AIDSTAR-One website. Related materials: [www.aidstar-one.com/focus\\_areas/care\\_and\\_support/resources/technical\\_consultation\\_materials/adolescent\\_transition](http://www.aidstar-one.com/focus_areas/care_and_support/resources/technical_consultation_materials/adolescent_transition) in order to support their continued health and development.

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