## **Transcript**

Referral to Treatment (0:57)

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- >> Referral to treatment is the process of connecting at-risk clients with other service providers for further assessment, medical and behavioral health intervention, or specialized treatment. Providers may sometimes find this step of SBIRT to be difficult if they are not familiar with resources in the community.
- >> The good news is that most substance use and prevention professionals have expertise in identifying and locating community resources for clients, and if they don't, then we encourage professionals to consult with their colleagues about resources available in the community.
- >> When making referrals, it is important to involve the client and their parent/guardian in the decision-making process.
- >> Further, we recommend that providers help their clients schedule a referral appointment while they're still in the office. If available, you can also arrange for an inter-agency facilitator to help with the referral.

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