

Table 2. Illustrative Quotations by Theme and Subtheme

Theme	Quotation
Theme 1: ED suicide screening is considered important and beneficial. <i>Participants highlighted the importance of asking questions about suicidality rather than expecting a teen to volunteer that information; screening shows teens there is a trusted adult in a safe environment to discuss suicidal thoughts with.</i>	<p>“They’re really struggling, and I feel like they might not go to an adult. Just being able to have that time to answer questions that are easy to answer might help prevent or get help for kids that are struggling and nobody knows...Give them a place where they might be able to reach out for help, where they can’t in other situations. Again, just opening that conversation for kids who don’t know what to say or where to go.” (Caregiver 15)</p> <p>“I know that there’s good resources at the hospital with mental health and people that can really help you there. I feel like that’s a place where you can really tell the truth and just be honest and just share what you’re feeling.” (Adolescent 24)</p>
Theme 2: Electronic screening promotes adolescent autonomy. <i>Screening should be directed at the adolescent without parental involvement, when possible; adolescents did not require parental help completing suicide screening.</i>	<p>“Everything was handed to him, not me, so it wasn’t like they handed the screener to me and then I was to give it to [name] or to help [name] with it. It was just given to him, and he was asked to fill it out and I thought that was real nice in that respect.” (Caregiver 14)</p>
Theme 3: Electronic screening improves privacy. 3A. Location of screening did not impact perceived privacy, because answers could not be seen on the tablet or phone device.	<p>“I wasn’t concerned and just let her do her thing, but I couldn’t really see the screen anyway. It has a dark filter over it, and then my eyes unless I’m moving over her wouldn’t be able to see it anyway. In all intensive purposes, if the kid was just sitting there with the iPad on the lap and doing it, they’d have privacy ‘cause no one else can really see I think.” (Caregiver 7)</p> <p>“The fact that the official screening was on the phone. No questions out loud. He got the privacy of doing it on the phone.” (Caregiver 19)</p>
3B. Privacy promotes honesty.	<p>“I think with the iPad it’s [privacy is] pretty good. I think it’s better than a paper way...I think on the iPad he can answer it more honestly.” (Caregiver 4)</p>
3C. Parents looking over their child’s shoulder limits adolescent privacy and may impact honest responses.	<p>“I really liked the setup of the screenings this time ‘cause it felt more private ‘cause I’m used to it being on paper or where my parents could see everything I was answering...I got to answer it on my own phone where I got to pick my own question answers and it wasn’t just where my parents were over my shoulder watching everything I was doing.” (Adolescent 21)</p> <p>“I wasn’t able to see what her responses were...her ability to be away from me while going through it, without me looking over her shoulder was fine.” (Caregiver 21)</p>
Theme 4: Confidentiality concerns about data security and information sharing may limit adolescent honesty. 4A. Adolescents expressed concern with who would see their screening responses and/or the possibility of a data security breach (i.e., hacking)	<p>“I couldn’t answer ‘em- not all of ‘em honestly because, again, I didn’t know who these answers were gonna be seen by.” (Adolescent 10)</p> <p>“I feel like if the survey does get hacked, everyone’s survey gets- I don’t know-everyone can see ‘em now, it won’t be private. I wouldn’t trust a survey no more because you always think that it’s gonna get hacked and stuff like that...I guess it’s so easy for people to hack the internet and stuff.” (Adolescent 5)</p>
4B. Electronic screening is generally regarded as more secure than paper screening.	<p>“He definitely likes the fact that it’s more confidential; it’s not a piece of paper that’s gonna get left behind or that I could find on</p>

	<p>the table. He gets worried when it's where anybody can see, so I think that the tablet really does help with it feeling more confidential." (Caregiver 12)</p> <p>"In my eyes, I think it feels more safe to answer it on the iPad or a phone because the information wouldn't be lost by paper or anything." (Adolescent 15)</p>
<p>Theme 5: Enhancing communication before screening may quell existing concerns.</p>	<p>"I think just that it's a really personal question, and it can feel really out of the blue when it's not wrapped around with a little bit of tenderness." (Caregiver 24)</p> <p>"I think if you just explain where it's going and how it's confidential, teenagers will understand and give their trust to you." (Adolescent 24)</p>