

# Ohio PREP Region 6 Quarterly Newsletter



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## What is Ohio PREP?

### Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) for Foster Care and Adjudicated Youth

Ohio PREP is a grant program funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services, as a result of the Affordable Care Act of 2010. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) provides grant funding for nine regions.

The program focus is on educating direct-care staff of foster care and adjudicated youth (14 – 19 years) to provide evidence-based curriculum on BOTH abstinence and contraception to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STI), including HIV/AIDS. These educational programs are provided exclusively to youth in foster care and those involved with the juvenile justice system and are not provided in schools.

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#### GOALS OF OHIO PREP:

- ◆ Reduce the rates of teen pregnancy and STI including HIV/AIDS
- ◆ Increase the number of youth in the target populations who successfully transition to adulthood
- ◆ Increase and enhance workforce development of child welfare and juvenile justice professionals by providing consistent, standardized service training on evidence based teen pregnancy prevention curriculum and adulthood topics
- ◆ Develop a coalition of representatives of agencies/organizations and key stakeholders from all nine counties who work with and are familiar with the target population



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# Human Papillomavirus and Vaccination

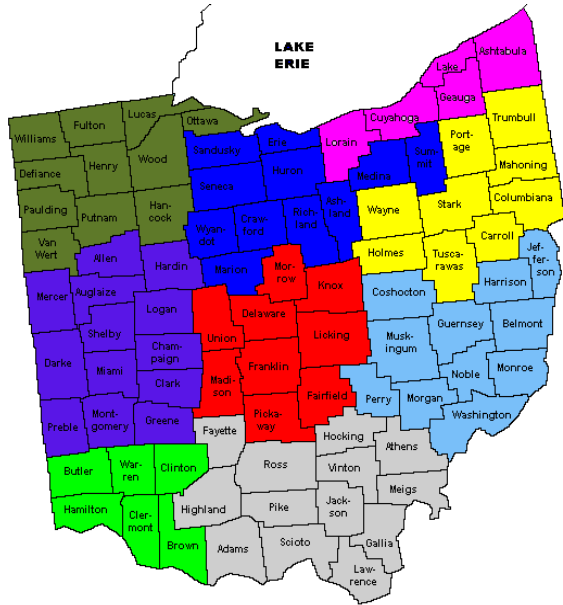
Human papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted virus in the United States. HPV is a widespread virus that can infect both males and females. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), most sexually active men and women will contract at least one type of HPV virus during their lifetime.

There are over 100 different types of HPV viruses. Some types of HPV cause warts in the genital area and other types can lead to abnormal cells on the cervix, vulva, anus, penis, mouth, and throat, sometimes leading to cancer. The HPV virus can also clear on its own. The most common ways to get an HPV infection is from sex or skin-to-skin contact with an infected person. It is possible to have HPV and not know it, so a person can unknowingly spread HPV to another person.

There are two different HPV vaccines licensed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and recommended by the CDC. HPV vaccine is very important because it prevents cancer. Routine vaccination with three doses of HPV vaccine (over six months) is recommended for all 11 and 12 year old boys and girls. It is important to get all three doses to get the best protection. If an adolescent did not receive the three doses of vaccine at the recommended age, they should still start or complete their HPV vaccine series.

The HPV vaccine has been carefully studied by medical and scientific experts and is very safe and effective. Check with your healthcare provider to make sure your preteens and teens are up to date with HPV vaccination.

Content Source: Immunization Coalition Action (November 2013)



The Canton City Health Department, in partnership with Kent State University, has been awarded funding for Region 6 by the Ohio Department of Health. Region 6 covers the following nine counties: Carroll, Columbiana, Holmes, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, and Wayne.

## Upcoming PREP Activities

- ◆ 2/21/14 PREP Train-the-Trainer at Northeast Ohio Regional Training Center in Summit County for direct care staff working with foster and adjudicated youth. For more information visit <http://neoprep6.ehhs.kent.edu>

### Recent PREP Events

Direct care staff from The Village Network (TVN), Portage County Department of Job and Family Services (DJFS), Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY), Wayne County DJFS, Multi-County Juvenile Attention System (MCJAS), The Twelve, Indian River Department of Youth Services (DYS), Columbiana DJFS, Catholic Charities, Pathway Caring for Children, New Philadelphia Group Home – MCJAS, Thompson Enterprises, Bair Foundation, Mahoning County Children’s Services, Trumbull County Juvenile Detention Center, Alliance For Children and Family, Stark County Family Court, Portage County Family and Community Services, and Mahoning County Juvenile Court agencies have received PREP Reducing the Risk (RTR) curriculum training.

The first groups to start providing PREP to their youth include MCJAS, Indian River DYS, Pathway Caring for Children, SAFY, Portage DJFS, New Philadelphia Group Home-MCJAS, Canton Group Home-MCJAS, and NYAP.

**Year 3 Time frame:**  
August 1, 2013-July 31, 2014

## Save the Date

The next Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) coalition meeting will be held at Goodwill Industries in Stark County on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 12:30 PM. Lunch will be provided at no cost.



Please pass along the next coalition meeting date and encourage others to join to learn more about the Ohio PREP in Region 6.



## PREP Coalition

Agencies that work with-adjudicated and foster youth throughout Region 6 are invited to join the coalition to serve as resource persons for the **Northeast Ohio Personal Responsibility Education Program (NEOPREP) Region 6**. Coalition meetings are held quarterly. The goals of this project, and the process by which they are met, will be overseen by the coalition. The purpose of the coalition is to guide the direction of programming efforts throughout Region 6. The coalition members will assist as partners in circulating PREP information, soliciting agency participation, and networking with agency providers.



If you would like more information about this project or have an interest in participating in the coalition meetings, contact Dana Hale, RN, BSN, PREP Project Coordinator at (330) 489-3322.

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## PREP Regions

**Region 1 (Northwest) Lucas County Health Department:** Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Lucas, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, Williams, and Wood counties.

**Region 2 (West Central) Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio:** Allen, Auglaize, Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Hardin, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Shelby counties.

**Region 3 (Southwest) Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio:** Butler, Brown, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, and Warren counties.

**Region 4 (South) Planned Parenthood of Southeast Ohio:** Adams, Athens, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Vinton counties.

**Region 5 (Southeast) Belmont County General Health District in partnership with Noble and Perry County Health Departments:** Belmont, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, and Washington counties.

**Region 6 (Northeast) Canton City Health Department:** Carroll, Columbiana, Holmes, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, and Wayne counties.

**Region 7 (Lake Central) Cuyahoga County Board of Health:** Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, and Lorain counties.

**Region 8 (North Central) Summit County Public Health:** Ashland, Crawford, Erie, Huron, Marion, Medina, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Summit, and Wyandot counties.

**Region 9 (Central) Nationwide Children's Hospital:** Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Knox, Licking, Madison, Morrow, Pickaway, and Union counties.