

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 focuses 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. The curriculum is not provided in schools.

GOALS OF OHIO PREP:

- Reduce the rates of teen pregnancy and STI including HIV/AIDS
- Increase the number of youth in the target population 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 and are familiar with the target population

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Teen Dating Violence

Unhealthy relationships can start early and last a lifetime. Dating violence often starts with seemingly innocent teasing and



name calling. These behaviors are often thought to be a "normal" part of a relationship; however, these behaviors can set the stage for more serious violence, such as physical assault and rape.



Teen dating violence is defined as the physical, sexual, or psychological/emotional violence including stalking, within a dating relationship. It can occur in person or electronically, such as repeated texting or posting sexual pictures of a partner online. It may occur between a current or former dating partner. Dating violence is a type of intimate partner violence.

Adolescents and adults are often unaware that teens experience dating violence. In a nationwide survey, 9.4 percent of high school students report being hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend in the 12 months prior to the survey. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey*). About 1 in 5 women and nearly 1 in 7 men who ever experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner, first experienced some form of partner violence between 11 and 17 years of age. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey*).



Dating violence can have many negative effects on an individual's health throughout life. The key objective is to stop dating violence before it begins. Dating violence can be prevented when teens, families, organizations, and communities work together to implement effective prevention strategies. It is important to have strategies that promote healthy relationships. Providing youth with the skills they need to effectively communicate with a partner, manage uncomfortable emotions such as anger and jealousy and treat others with respect are just a few ways to keep relationships healthy and non-violent.

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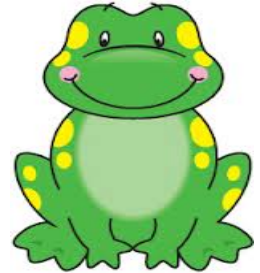
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Year 3 Grant Cycle:

August 1, 2013-July 31, 2014

PREP Coalition

Agencies that work with adjudicated and foster youth throughout Region 6 are invited to join the coalition and 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, as well as the process by which the goals 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.



Save the Date

The next Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) coalition conference call will be held Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 2:00 PM

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



Upcoming PREP Training Workshops

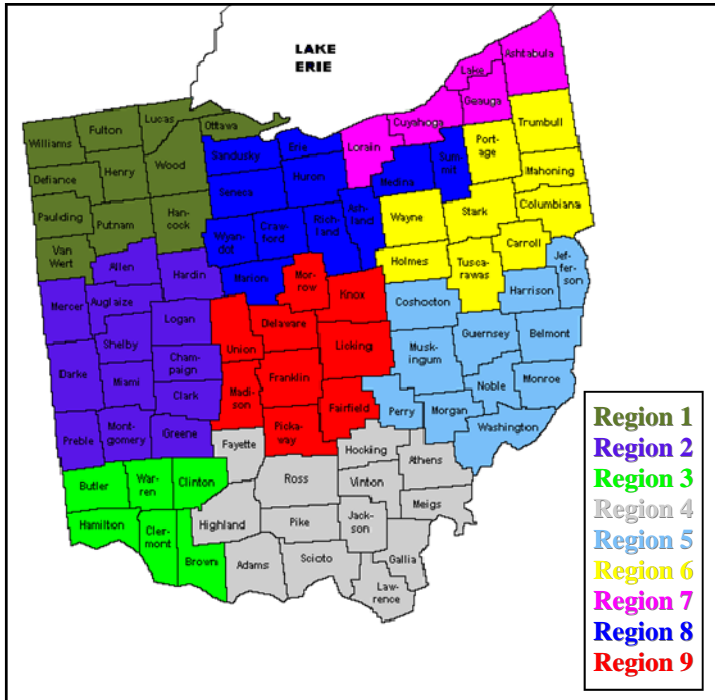
4/25/14 at NEORTC

6/25/14 at Canton Goodwill

Audience: Direct care staff working with foster and adjudicated youth

For more information visit <http://neoprep6.ehhs.kent.edu>

Ohio 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.

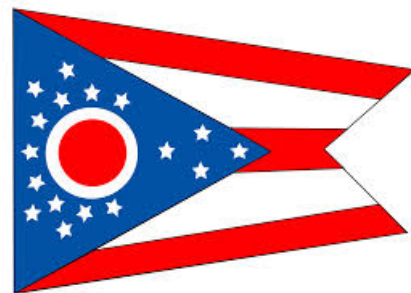
Region 5 (Southeast) Belmont County General Health District in partnership with Noble and Perry County Health Departments: Belmont, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, and Washington counties.

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

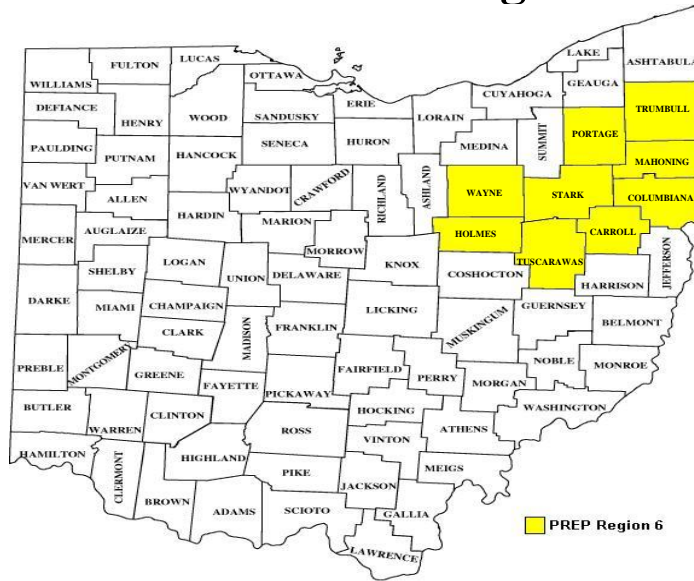
Region 7 (Lake Central) Cuyahoga County Board of Health: Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, and Lorain counties.

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.



Ohio PREP Region 6



Ohio PREP Region 6 Agencies Instructing Youth

- Canton Group Home-MCJAS
- Chance Given
- Indian River-Department of Youth Services
- Multi-County Juvenile Attention System (MCJAS)
- New Philadelphia Group Home-MCJAS
- National Youth Advocate Program (NYAP)
- Pathway Caring for Children
- Portage County-DJFS
- Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth
- Trumbull County Juvenile Justice

Ohio PREP Region 6 Agencies with PREP Trained Staff

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| Alliance For Children and Family | Pathway Caring for Children |
| Bair Foundation | Portage County-DJFS |
| Canton Group Home-MCJAS | Portage County Family and Community Services |
| Catholic Charities | Residential Treatment Center-MCJAS |
| Chance Given | Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY) |
| Columbiana County-DJFS | Stark County Family Court |
| Indian River Department of Youth Services-DYS | Stepping Stone Residential |
| Mahoning County Children's Services | The Twelve |
| Mahoning County Juvenile Court | The Village Network (TVN) |
| Multi-County Juvenile Attention System (MCJAS) | Thompson Enterprises |
| National Youth Advocate Program (NYAP) | Trumbull County Juvenile Justice |
| New Beginnings | Wayne County-DJFS |
| New Philadelphia Group Home-MCJAS | |