

# 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 an evidence-based curriculum on BOTH abstinence and contraception to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STI), including HIV/AIDS. The curriculum also incorporates adulthood readiness topics, including financial literacy, healthy relationships and educational career success. 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.

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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 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

## Agency Success

Five agencies were recognized for their outstanding participation and leadership in Ohio PREP at the July 15, 2015 Region 6 PREP Coalition meeting held at the Northeast Ohio Regional Training Center (NEORTC) in Summit County.

Each of the following successful agencies have embraced PREP as a needed education to prepare youth for transition out of the juvenile justice and foster care systems and into independent living. These dedicated agencies have PREP trained staff that are comfortable and competent in talking to young people about sexuality and relationships.

Agency representatives present at the Coalition meeting to accept their awards were Helene Martinez from Mahoning County Juvenile Court, Rebecca Fetters from Multi-County Juvenile Attention System—CCF and Cynthia Wells from Pathway Caring for Children. Agencies not present, but also receiving awards, were Stark County Job and Family Services Children Service Division and Trumbull County Juvenile Court/Detention Center.

### Region 6 Staff

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PREP Trainers



(pictured left to right) Helene Martinez representing Mahoning County Juvenile Court, Cynthia Wells representing Pathway Caring for Children and Rebecca Fetters representing Multi-County Juvenile Attention System—CCF.



Region 6 would like to provide special recognition to Helene Martinez (Mahoning County JJ) for completing 6 classes and reaching 26 youth with PREP programming.

## 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 Molly Malloy, RN, PREP Trainer at (330) 489-3322.

## Year 5 Grant Cycle:

August 1, 2015-July 31, 2016



## Interested in learning more about Ohio PREP?

Learn *why* teaching youth about sexuality is important, and *how* to talk to youth about sexuality. For more information, contact Frank Catrone at the Canton City Health Department at [fcatrone@cantonhealth.org](mailto:fcatrone@cantonhealth.org) or 330-489-3322.

## PREP Training Workshops



**When:** Tuesday, October 27, 2015 from 8:15 AM-5:00 PM

**Where:** Northeast Ohio Regional Training Center (NEORTC)  
Summit County Services Education Center  
264 S. Arlington St., Akron, Ohio 44306

**Registration:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tu0M2oi8Fmdljuv1vI0POVBOeqAChDCsZ6Mbv7OvIzo/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tu0M2oi8Fmdljuv1vI0POVBOeqAChDCsZ6Mbv7OvIzo/viewform?usp=send_form)

**When:** Tuesday, December 15, 2015 from 8:15 AM-5:00 PM

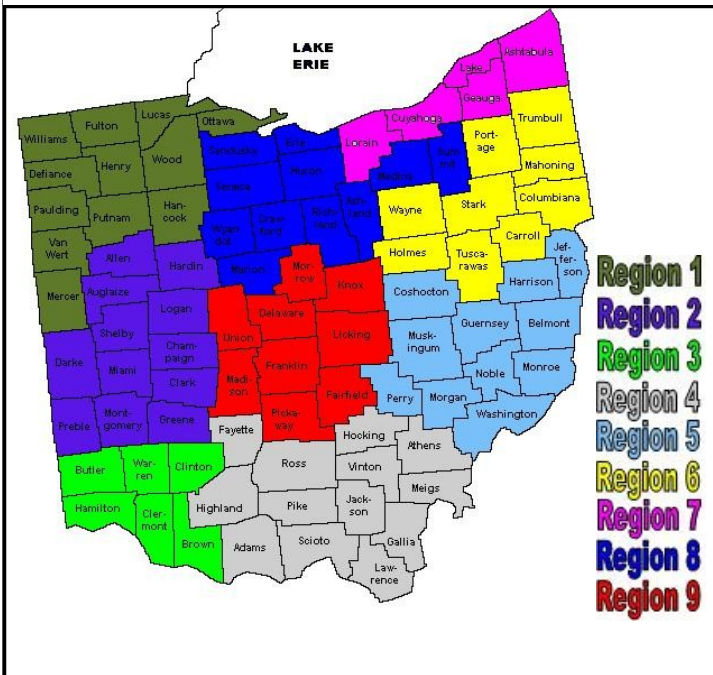
**Where:** Goodwill Industries  
408 9th St. SW, Canton, Ohio 44706

**Registration:** *Coming in November*

**Audience:** Direct care staff working with foster and adjudicated youth

For more information visit <http://cantonhealth.org/nursing/?prep>

# 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.

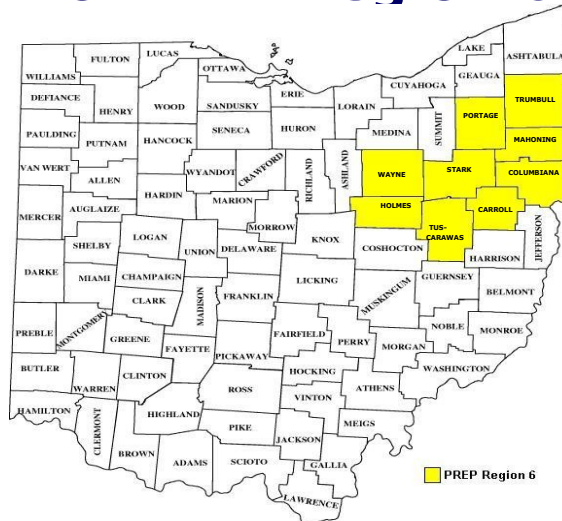
**Region 8 (North Central) Summit County Public Health:** Ashland, Crawford, Erie, Huron, Marion, Medina, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Summit, and Wyandot counties.

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



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# Ohio PREP Region 6



## Ohio PREP Region 6 Agencies Instructing Youth

Chance Given  
 Community Corrections Facility - Multi-County  
 Juvenile Attention System (MCJAS)  
 Indian River Department of Youth Services  
 Mahoning County Juvenile Justice  
 National Youth Advocate Program  
 New Philadelphia Group Home—Multi-County  
 Juvenile Attention System (MCJAS)

Pathway Caring for Children  
 Portage County Department of Job and Family Services  
 Residential Treatment Center - Multi-County  
 Juvenile Attention System (MCJAS)  
 Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth  
 Stark County Department of Job and Family Services  
 Trumbull County Juvenile Court/Detention Center  
 Youth Intensive Services

## Ohio PREP Region 6 Agencies with PREP Trained Staff

Alliance For Children and Family  
 Bair Foundation  
 Catholic Charities  
 Chance Given  
 Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health  
 Columbiana County Department of  
 Job and Family Services  
 Community Corrections Facility-MCJAS  
 Family Life Counseling  
 Indian River Department of Youth Services  
 Mahoning County Children’s Services  
 Mahoning County Juvenile Court  
 National Youth Advocate Program  
 New Beginnings  
 New Philadelphia Group Home-MCJAS  
 Ohio Parent Mentor  
 Pathway Caring for Children

Portage County Department of Job and Family Services  
 Portage County Family and Community Services  
 Residential Treatment Center-MCJAS  
 Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth  
 Stark County Community Action Agency  
 Stark County Department of Job and Family Services  
 Children Services Division  
 Stark County Family Court  
 Stark County Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug  
 Addiction Outreach Project (SCUMADAOP)  
 Stepping Stone Residential  
 The Twelve  
 The Village Network  
 Trumbull Children Services  
 Trumbull County Juvenile Court/Detention Center  
 Wayne County Department of Job and Family Services  
 Children Services Division  
 Youth Intensive Services