

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 three 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.

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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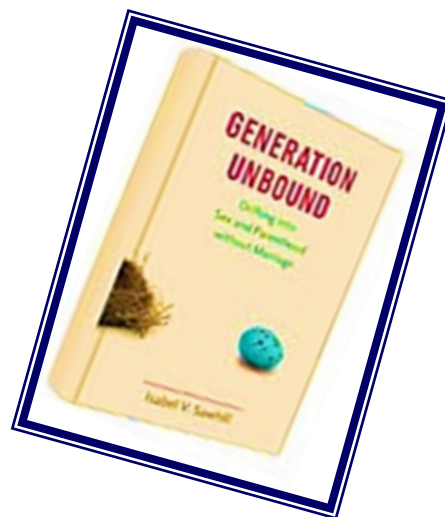
The Sunday edition of *The New York Times* featured an op-ed from Board President Isabel Sawhill. The piece makes the case that pregnancy planning and prevention are a critical way to address persistent poverty, and that low maintenance methods of birth control (IUD and implants) are a promising way to help women avoid the pregnancies they themselves say they are trying to avoid. Below are some excerpts from the op-ed. Read the piece in its entirety [here](#).

"The old social norm was, 'Don't have a child outside of marriage.' The new norm needs to be, 'Don't have a child until you and your partner are ready to be parents.' Whether or not it was a realistic norm in the past, it is now — precisely because newer forms of contraception make planning a family so much easier."

"Long acting reversible contraception (LARCs) change the default from having to do something difficult (reach for a condom or remember to take a pill every day) to not having to do anything until one is ready to be a parent."

"It is in this context that any efforts, like the Supreme Court's decision in *Hobby Lobby* to curtail access to the most effective forms of birth control, are misguided. If we could make the most effective forms of birth control available to all women with no co-payment, we would not only have healthier children and lower child poverty rates, we would limit the extent of government assistance people need in the process."

Generation Unbound... The *Times* piece is based on Isabel Sawhill's new book, *Generation Unbound*. The book notes that more than half of all births to young adults in the United States now occur outside of marriage, and many are unplanned. The result is increased poverty and inequality for children. The left argues for more social support for unmarried parents; the right argues for a return to traditional marriage. **(Used with permission from the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy)**



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Year 4 Grant Cycle:

August 1, 2014-July 31, 2015

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.



The Next PREP Coalition Meeting/Training

When: October 1, 2014 from 2:00—4:00 pm

Where: NEORTC
264 South Arlington Street, Akron, OH 44306

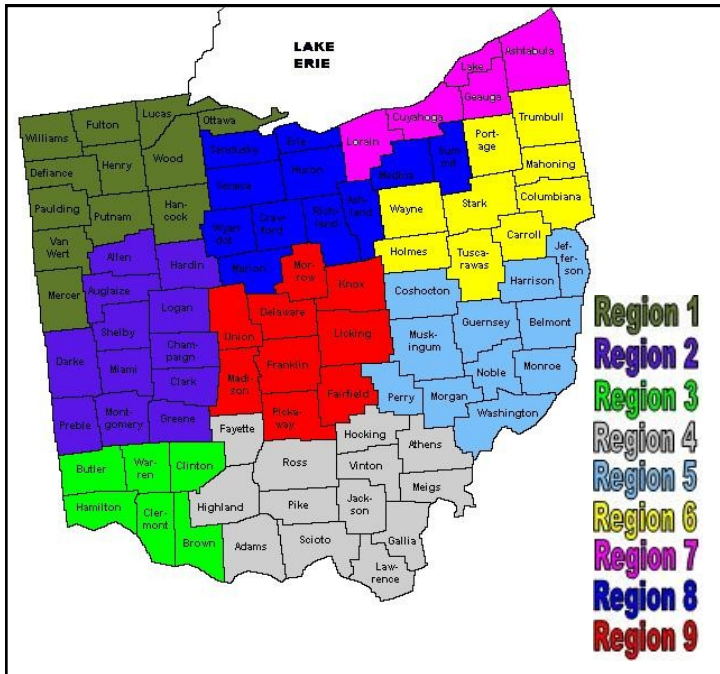
PREP Training Workshop

When: October 29, 2014 from 8:15—5:00 pm

Where: Goodwill Industries Community Campus
408 9th St SW, Canton, OH 44707

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.

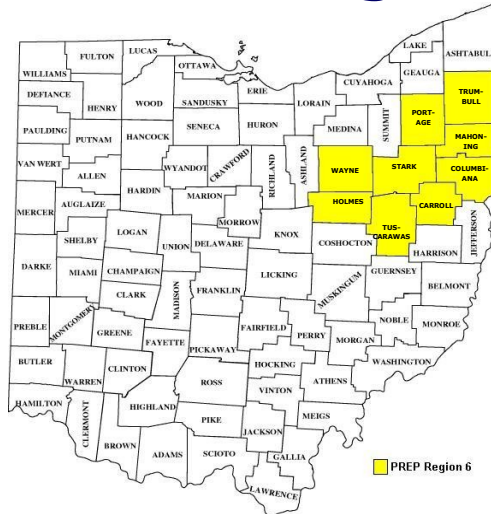
Region 8 (North Central) Summit County Public Health: Ashland, Crawford, Erie, Huron, Marion, Medina, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Summit, and Wyandot counties.

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



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Ohio PREP Region 6



Ohio PREP Region 6 Agencies Instructing Youth

Chance Given	Portage County Department of Job and Family Services
Community Corrections Facility - Multi-County Juvenile Attention System (MCJAS)	Residential Treatment Center - Multi-County Juvenile Attention System (MCJAS)
Indian River Department of Youth Services	Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth
Mahoning County Juvenile Justice	Stark County Department of Job and Family Services
National Youth Advocate Program	Trumbull County Juvenile Justice
New Philadelphia Group Home—Multi-County	Youth Intensive Services
Pathway Caring for Children	

Ohio PREP Region 6 Agencies with PREP Trained Staff

Alliance For Children and Family	Portage County Family and Community Services
Bair Foundation	Portage County Department of Job and Family Services
Catholic Charities	Residential Treatment Center-MCJAS
Chance Given	Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth
Columbiana County Department of Job and Family Services	Stark County Family Court
Community Corrections Facility-MCJAS	Stark County Department of Job and Family Services
Family Life Counseling	Stark County Community Action Agency
Indian River Department of Youth Services	Stepping Stone Residential
Mahoning County Children’s Services	The Twelve
Mahoning County Juvenile Court	The Village Network
National Youth Advocate Program	Trumbull County Juvenile Justice
New Beginnings	Wayne County Department of Job and Family Services
New Philadelphia Group Home-MCJAS	Youth Intensive Services
Pathway Caring for Children	