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OHIO PREP REGION 6 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)

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Effective July 19, 2018, Canton City Health Department has changed its organizational name and logo. We are now Canton City Public Health.

YOUTH CLASSES

Agencies Implementing Youth Classes

July 2018 – August 2018

**Indian River
Juvenile Correctional Facility
(Stark County)**

&

Mahoning County Juvenile Justice Center

SHARE YOUR SUCCESS

Region 6 would like to feature a success story in our newsletter regarding a positive experience that your agency encountered while teaching the youth the PREP curriculum. (See page 3) Please email mmalloy@cantonhealth.org or call (330) 489-3322 with your one to two paragraph summary to share with our Region 6 partners.

Save the dates



Region 6 Coalition Meeting & Training

When: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 10 AM -12 PM

Where: Canton, Ohio

Training Topic: Kids, Technology and the Law

New Staff Training

Two day training (12 hours total)

Monday, November 5 & Thursday, November 8, 2018

Canton, Ohio

Registration: <http://cantonhealth.org/nursing/?pg=351>

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) for Foster Care and Justice Involved Youth

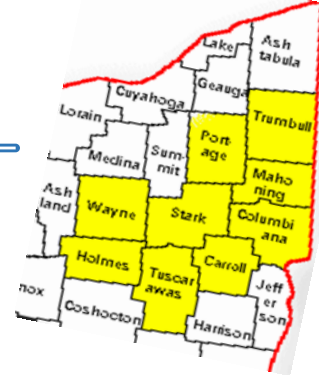


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Region 6: IMPACT REPORT

August 2013 through July 2017



1 in 4 teens contract a STI every year



326 youth attended the PREP program
173 youth completed 75% of the curriculum

PREP Youth are between **14 and 19** years old

Nearly **64%** of PREP participants are from the juvenile justice system

86% of PREP youth entering the program have had sex

26% have experienced at least one pregnancy

Nearly **50%** have had two or more partners in the last 3 months

75% are **somewhat more likely or much more likely** to use condoms after finishing PREP.

66% are **somewhat more likely or much more likely** to use hormone-based birth control after finishing PREP.

What participants liked best about PREP:

“That I could be myself and express my feelings”

“Knowing myself better”

“Being able to openly ask questions”

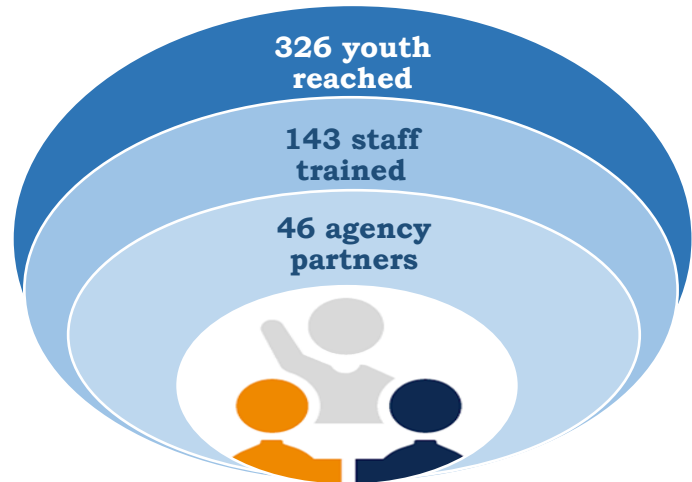
Most important points participants learned in PREP:

“...how to deal with money, how to treat your partner, and how to protect yourself from pregnancy”

“Abstinence is the best birth control and STD prevention”

“Save money, health(y) relationships are important”

Train the Trainer Model



If you would like more information about this evidence-based program or have an interest in participating in the coalition meetings, contact Molly Malloy, RN at (330) 489-3322 or mmalloy@cantonhealth.org.

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PREP SUCCESS STORY

Submitted by Renee Reffner, Case Manager
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Warren, Ohio

We (Renee Reffner and Sonya Thompkins) handed the three residents that completed the PREP group their certificates of completion at the Trumbull County Juvenile Justice Center. Two of the residents, (one male and one female) appeared excited to receive the colorful certificate with their name on it. The male resident stated that he could not wait to show this to his mother when she came in to visit.

The next day during visitation, the female resident asked if I (Renee) would give her mother the certificate so she could take it home to ensure it did not get lost or messed up. I obliged and handed her mother the certificate during visitation. I explained to the resident's mother that her daughter completed a 20 session program. Furthermore, that the program entailed information about healthy relationships, abstinence and safe sex, information on STDs and career planning (e.g., resume writing, job applications). Of utmost importance, her daughter attended every class, which was uncommon for her to attend school regularly at home or when incarcerated. The girl's mother had tears in her eyes and proudly held the certificate against her chest and told her daughter, "See, this is all I ever wanted you to do, complete something that means something."

The female resident asked her mother if she could purchase a frame so she could hang it up in her room when she gets released and goes home. The mother went on to explain that this was the first certificate that her daughter had ever received for anything, and she was very proud of her daughter.

