

# Ohio PREP Region 6 Quarterly

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#### What is Ohio PREP?

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

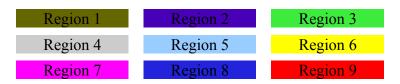
Ohio PREP is a grant program funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services, as a result of the Affordable Care Act of 2010. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) provides grant funding for nine regions.

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 for youth are community based not school based.

#### **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





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.

#### **Some Teens Having Multiple Children**

Almost one-fifth of teenage mothers in the United States give birth to a second child before age 20, limiting the chance of finishing their education or landing a job.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that while teen birth rates have been falling in the United States for two decades, more than 367,000 girls age 15 to 19 had children in 2010. About 18 percent of those were repeat births. According to the CDC, only 20 percent of teenage mothers use the most-effective birth control available, including hormonal implants and intrauterine devices which don't require daily maintenance. The CDC affirms doctors and health-care professionals should discuss birth control with teenage patients and remind those who are sexually active to use condoms.

According to the vice president of education at Planned Parenthood Federation of America "when young mothers postpone a second birth, they have greater educational and job opportunities. The best way to prevent teen pregnancy across the board is by investing in effective sex education, encouraging teens to talk to their parents, and ensuring access to birth control."

Even though births to teenagers are waning as indicated by the CDC, teens, parents, health-care providers and others need to do much more to reduce unintended pregnancies.

Content Source: Bloomberg News

# **Upcoming PREP Activities**

6/12/13 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 <a href="http://neoprep6.ehhs.kent.edu">http://neoprep6.ehhs.kent.edu</a>.

#### **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, and Bair Foundation 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, and NYAP.

Year 2 Time frame: August 1, 2012-July 31, 2013

#### **Save the Date**

The next Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) coalition meeting will be held at Goodwill Industries in Stark County on Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 2:00 PM.



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



#### **PREP Coalition**

Agencies that work withadjudicated and foster youth
throughout Region 6 have
been invited to join the
coalition to serve as resource
persons for the Northeast
Ohio Personal
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are still needed to serve on this coalition. 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.