

Ohio PREP Region 6 Quarterly



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.

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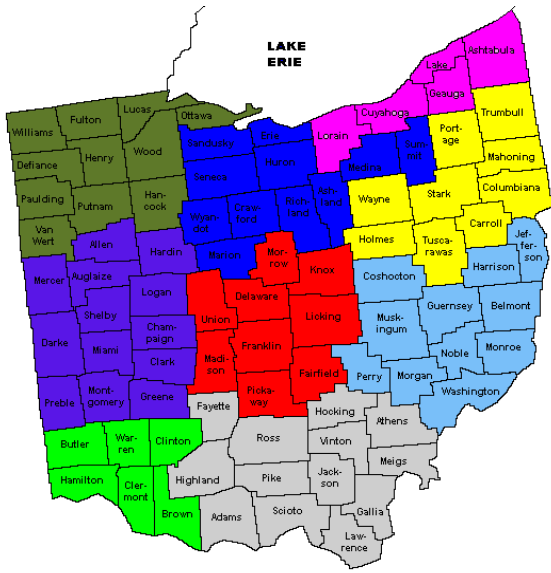
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GOALS OF Ohio PREP:

- ◆ Reduce the rates of teen pregnancy and STI including HIV/AIDS
- ◆ Increase the number of youth in the target 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.



Making the Connection Between Teen Pregnancy, Child Welfare, and Juvenile Justice



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“One of the leading concerns among foster care administrators is the well-being of adolescents aging out of foster care. Extensive research has documented their increased risk of dropping out, homelessness, unemployment, criminal activity, dependence on public assistance, depression, and more. Given that teens in foster care are more than twice as likely to become pregnant than teens overall, it's not difficult to make the argument that efforts to increase successful transitions to adulthood for youth leaving foster care should include a focus on pregnancy prevention.”

Throughout our work on this effort, Region 6 has worked to engage various agencies and partners to help them understand their role in teen pregnancy prevention among this population. Addressing teen pregnancy prevention among youth in foster and juvenile justice systems is important and **can** be done.

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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.

Upcoming PREP Activities

- ◆ 4/19/13 PREP Train-the-Trainer at Goodwill Industries Inc. in Stark County for direct care staff working with foster and adjudicated youth. For more information visit <http://neoprep6.ehhs.kent.edu>.

Recent PREP Events

Since the start of the PREP project, 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, and Bair Foundation agencies have received the Reducing the Risk (RTR) curriculum training. Agencies that have implemented PREP with youth include MCJAS, Indian River DYS, Portage DJFS, and National Youth Advocate Program (NYAP) with Columbiana County foster youth. Pathway Caring for Children will implement their first session of RTR with youth in March 2013.

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 as a conference call and is scheduled Wednesday, April 17th, 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 with adjudicated and foster youth throughout Region 6 have been invited to join the coalition to serve as resource persons for the **Northeast Ohio Personal Responsibility Education Program (NEOPREP) Region 6**. Coalition members 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.