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Dear Stakeholder,

The next Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) coalition conference call will be held on Monday, **April 20, 2015** from 2:00-3:00 PM. Please call Ashanti Parker at (330) 489-3322 or e-mail aparker@cantonhealth.org by Friday, April 10th to confirm your attendance.

The Canton City Health Department in collaboration with Kent State University was awarded the Region 6 (Carroll, Columbiana, Holmes, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, and Wayne) PREP grant by the Ohio Department of Health.

The focus of the PREP is to provide education to youth (target population is foster care and adjudicated youth ages 14-19 years) on both abstinence and contraception for the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS and on three adulthood preparation subjects with an emphasis on responsibility to assist youth as they transition out of placement and into independent living.

We are asking community partners who work with and are familiar with the target population to serve as resource persons to brainstorm ideas and provide input to successfully guide the direction of this project. Coalition meetings/conference calls are held quarterly to plan programming efforts. In addition, the meetings provide individuals with opportunities to network with foster and juvenile justice agency representatives throughout a nine county region.

Please consider participating on the coalition conference call to provide the essential input we need to successfully implement this program with youth.

Best regards,

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