

## 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) posted requests for proposals for nine (9) separate regions in the state.

The program will focus efforts 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 will be community based not school based.

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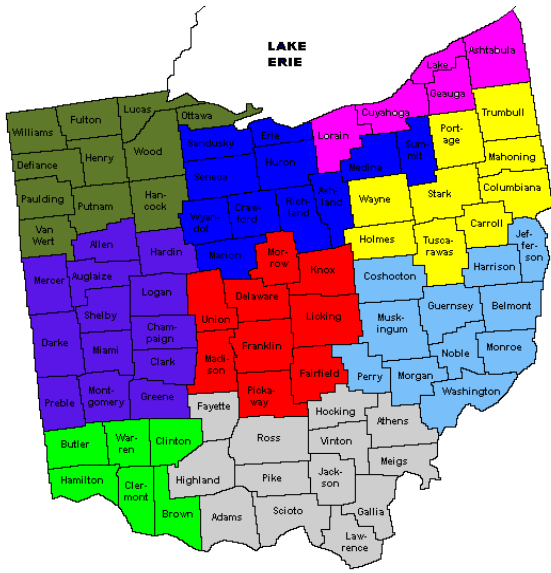
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#### GOALS OF Ohio PREP:

- ◆ 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 in 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 (9) counties, who work with and are familiar with the target population.



# Teen Pregnancy and STD/HIV Prevention



Region 1	Region 2	Region 3
Region 4	Region 5	Region 6
Region 7	Region 8	Region 9

Ohio Department of Health is working with **PREP (Personal Responsibility Education Program)** grantees in your region to roll out evidence based training and curriculum classes, *Reducing the Risk*, for both direct care staff and teens aged 14-19 in DJFS and DYS custody. This will be a great opportunity to involve your youth in dialogue about waiting to start a family. Research shows foster youth are 2.5 times more likely to get pregnant while in care, and MUCH more likely to have an unintended pregnancy and/or get an STD before age 21, upon emancipating from your care.

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. In addition to professionals within the child welfare system, it is also the responsibility of foster parents, care providers, educators, and professionals within juvenile and family courts to support the youth in foster care make healthy, informed decisions.

The Canton City Health Department, in partnership with Kent State University, has been awarded funding for Region six (6) by the Ohio Department of Health. Region six (6) covers the following nine (9) counties: Carroll, Columbiana, Holmes, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, and Wayne.

## Upcoming PREP Activities

- ◆ 12/7/12 PREP Train- the Trainer at Goodwill Industries Inc in Stark County
- ◆ Release of the Ohio PREP Region 6 website
- ◆ Goal: Train 20% of direct care staff and 10% youth in the modified RTR program during year two of funding
- ◆ Discussion on provider relations and the need to “get the word out” through site visits
- ◆ Co-facilitation and implementation of a modified RTR program with youth

### Recent PREP Events

- ◆ Awarded ODH grant funding 2012/2013
- ◆ PREP Train-the-Trainer training at the Northeast Ohio Regional Training Center was held 10/10/12
- ◆ Co-facilitation of first PREP sessions with youth at Portage DJFS, Multi-County Juvenile Attention System, and Indian River DYS agencies.

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

## Save the Date

Wednesday, January 16th, 2013  
from 2:00-3:30 PM at  
Goodwill Industries.



Please pass along the next Coalition meeting date and encourage others to join and 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. 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.

The next Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) coalition meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 2:00-3:30 PM at Goodwill Industries located at 408 Ninth Street SW, Canton, Ohio 44707.

Please call Jil Neuman at (330) 489-3322 or e-mail [jneuman@cantonhealth.org](mailto:jneuman@cantonhealth.org) to confirm your attendance.

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.