

# Ohio Personal Responsibility Education Program

## A STI, Pregnancy Prevention and Adulthood Preparation Program

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PREP is a federally funded program focused on teaching young people age 14-19, STI (including HIV) and pregnancy prevention (including condom use and abstinence) as well as preparing them for adulthood through education on financial literacy, healthy relationships and career building. Ohio's program is administered by the Ohio Department of Youth Services with numerous regional partners who provide the evidence-based prevention programming to youth. Staff with Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs provide technical assistance and evaluation services.



Youth note important points they learned in PREP:

*"How to use protection."*

*"How to keep a healthy relationship."*

*"Don't have sex without a condom."*

*"Be assertive when saying no."*

*"Knowing how to handle money."*

*"How to budget and set up a bank account."*

*"How to fill out a check."*

*"STDs are very common in teens."*

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**Counties served:**

Carroll, Columbiana, Holmes,

Mahoning, Portage, Stark,

Trumbull, Tuscarawas and Wayne



The majority (**72%**) of Ohio PREP youth participants enter the program via the juvenile justice system; they are in juvenile detention centers or court-ordered treatment centers. Some are on probation or in diversion programs that are also court ordered. The remainder served are mostly youth in foster care.



Nearly **84%** of youth entering Ohio PREP have had sex.



In the last program year **894 youth participated and 63% completed the program.**



Overall, Ohio youth engaged in PREP not only show **increased knowledge of sexual health, prevention of pregnancy and STIs, but they also show improved intentions to use condoms and hormone-based birth control.**



Among the Facilitators trained to provide the intervention, Ohio PREP is **increasing knowledge** of STIs/teen pregnancy prevention and knowledge of the rights of youth related to accessing reproductive health care.



Over **80%** of participating youth note the **material was clear**, they had a **chance to ask questions**, they felt **respected as a person** and the **discussions or activities helped them learn the program lessons.**