# **Ohio PREP** Personal Responsibility Education Program District 2 Newsletter Volume 2 Issue 1



## District 2 Virtual Coalition Meeting February 17, 2021 10:00am-12:00pm

#### We invite you to join our Coalition

If you are a parent of a teenager, foster parent, an educator or a professional who works with youth, or are involved with an organization that works with local teens, we invite you to serve on the Ohio PREP District 2 Coalition. In addition to working together to promote the program, we meet regularly to review the program's progress and provide input on future plans. Each meeting also has a free learning workshop for coalition members.

# **2021 Meeting Dates**: 10:00-12:00

February 17, 2021 May 19, 2021 August 18, 2021 November 17, 2021

Meetings will be virtual until in-person meetings can resume safety.

#### February's Training

### **Human Trafficking**

Sister Anne Victory HM, RN, MSN Director of Education Collaborative to End Human Trafficking

Please join us for an open discussion. Topics may include but are not limited to:

- Current state of human trafficking in Ohio
- COVID-19
- Warning signs
- Advocacy & resources

Please RSVP by 2/11/21 to Maurice Cole at mcole@ccbh.net Meeting ID and password will be sent with confirmation of registration

## **HUMAN TRAFFICKING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

<u>THE POLARIS PROJECT</u> HAS RESOURCES AND INFORMATION REGARDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND HOW ISOLATING CHILDREN MAY LEAD TO MORE TRAFFICKING. DURING THE PANDEMIC, NATIONAL HOTLINES HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND VICTIMS REACHING OUT, AS SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE CLOSED, AND YOUTH STAYING HOME FROM SCHOOL MAY PLACE THEM AT A HIGHER RISK FOR EXPLOITATION DUE TO MORE ONLINE PRESENCE AND CONTACT WITH POTENTIAL ABUSERS IN THE HOME.

THESE RESOURCES MAY HELP FAMILIES, EDUCATORS AND STAFF WORKING WITH YOUTH, TO EDUCATE

THEMSELVES ON THE DANGERS OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND HOW TO STAY SAFE ONLINE, PARTICULARLY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

- <u>UNICEF</u> HAS CREATED AN ONLINE GUIDE ABOUT COVID-19 AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR PROTECTING CHILDREN ONLINE.
- THE <u>FBI'S SAFE ONLINE SURFING</u> (SOS) PROGRAM TEACHES STUDENTS IN 3RD 8TH GRADE ABOUT HOW TO SAFELY NAVIGATE THE INTERNET.
- MULTIPLE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES COLLABORATED ON THIS <u>ONE-PAGE TIP SHEET</u> TO HELP PARENTS AND CHILDREN UNDERSTAND AND PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM ONLINE RISKS.
- U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, 20 WAYS YOU CAN HELP FIGHT HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- IF YOU BELIEVE SOMEONE MAY BE A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING, CALL THE 24-HOUR NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE AT 1-888-373-7888 OR REPORT AN EMERGENCY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT BY CALLING 911.

# Virtual Programming

Goal: Increase

ability for adults

to talk with

young people

about sex, using

accurate

information &

Beyond the Birds resources.

& the Bees

For more information or to schedule a session, contact:

District 2 North: Rebecca Coiner Rebecca.coiner@ohioguidestone.org

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District 2 South: Molly Malloy mmalloy@cantonhealth.org 330.489.3322 Making Proud Choices! An Evidence-Based, Safer-Sex Approach to Teen Pregnancy & HIV/STD Prevention is an 8-module curriculum that provides adolescents with the knowledge, confidence & skills necessary to reduce their risk of STDs, HIV & pregnancy by abstaining from sex or using condoms if they choose to



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