

# Ohio PREP

## *Personal Responsibility Education Program*

Ohio PREP is a state-wide initiative managed by the Ohio Department of Youth Services. PREP provides free training and materials to professionals working with youth, ages 14-19, involved in juvenile justice and foster care systems. This curriculum is designed to work with transition programs to help the youth in these systems make successful entry into adulthood.

Youth residing in foster care and juvenile justice systems have unique circumstances and because of this also have increased vulnerability for financial pitfalls, unsuccessful career pursuits, unhealthy relationships, unplanned teen pregnancies, and higher rates of sexually transmitted infections. By educating staff in these systems to become trainers in evidence-based pregnancy prevention and adulthood transitional programming, PREP can help reduce these risks.

PREP funding will provide education outside of the school day to youth through an adapted *Reducing the Risk* curriculum, which will be taught over a series of well-defined lessons. This curriculum will emphasize both abstinence and contraception for the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS. In addition, it will provide education on many adulthood preparation subjects such as healthy relationships; educational and career success; and financial literacy. This will assist youth as they transition out of placement into independent living.

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