

# District 1 PREP Newsletter

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# agency highlights

## Lucas County Youth Treatment Center

A major shoutout to *Kari Spivey* and *Alisha Yeager* for facilitating 3 PREP cohorts this summer! Kari and Alisha completed these cohorts within 90 days of being trained in the PREP curriculum, and each one ran extremely smoothly. The youth were eager to attend the PREP classes each week, and we are so thankful to have this fantastic agency a part of the program. Thank you for all of your hard work, LCYTC!



Lucas County

## Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio

A huge round of applause to the facilitators over at JRCNWO for uplifting 3 simultaneous PREP cohorts, which turned out to be an entire agency-wide initiative. This was also successfully completed within 90 days of their PREP training, as well. Thank you, *Montana Crawford*, *Salina Stuart*, *Kelly Ash*, *Chase Freyer*, and *Elizabeth Johnson-Walsh*, for being stellar facilitators - we are so happy to have JRC on our team!



Wood County

## Erie County Juvenile Justice Center

Thank you to our facilitator, *Jason Kessler*, at Erie County Juvenile Justice Center, for uplifting 2 PREP cohorts in June. We can always count on Jason and ECJJ to continuously run this program with their youth. We are extremely appreciative of your consistency, passion, and hard work in providing this education to your youth at ECJJ!



Erie County



Richland County

## Catalyst Life Services

Thank you to our facilitators, *Jennifer Stahl* and *Chelsea Ross*, over at Catalyst Life Services, for running a PREP cohort at their agency this summer. Despite a few roadblocks, they were able to adapt, overcome, and go above and beyond to provide their youth with this important education. Thank you, Catalyst Life Services, for all that you!

# upcoming events

## **District 1 PREP Virtual Coalition Meeting**

Friday, September 26 from 11am-12pm

Join us virtually as we hear from our PREP facilitators from the Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio as they discuss how to navigate teaching the PREP curriculum to juvenile sexual offenders, while providing supplemental education to those within the given population.

[register here!](#)

## **Beyond Birds & Bees Virtual Workshop**

Thursday, October 30 from 10am-12:30pm

Join us in becoming an askable adult and gain confidence in navigating sensitive conversations about sexual health with the young people in your lives at our Beyond Birds and Bees workshop.

[register here!](#)

# youth testimonials

What are the three most important points you learned from this program?

1. Preventing STD's
2. Birth Control methods
3. Talking about your decisions before sex

What did you like most about this program? Learning about how to avoid STDs and STIs.

14-year-old male youth

What are the three most important points you learned from this program?

1. That STD's/STI are ~~not~~ <sup>really</sup> easy to get when not having safe sex
2. That there are a lot of ways to have safe sex
3. That safe sex is really important for my health & others

What did you like most about this program? That I was able to enjoy the program whether or not it was kinda uncomfortable

What did you like least about this program? Nothing, because the whole thing was learning process for me.

16-year-old male youth

What are the three most important points you learned from this program?

1. Use condoms everytime you have sex
2. Just once you can get a STD
3. Talk to your partner if you are planning to have sex

What did you like most about this program? How to put on the condoms and how they help us not get STDs.

What did you like least about this program? I liked everything it taught me

16-year-old male youth

What are the three most important points you learned from this program?

1. Abstinence is the best way to prevent STD's
2. If your partner doesn't want to use a condom because "its not the same" there are ways to make it fun
3. If you are going to have sex wrap it up

What did you like most about this program? How well it was taught and how interactive it was and how much we learned

17-year-old male youth

What are the three most important points you learned from this program?

1. That even sharing needles can transfer an STI or STD
2. Condoms can be 98% effective if worn right
3. It cost almost our \$8000 a month to raise a kid

15-year-old male youth

# district 1 prep news

## **Welcome to the District 1 PREP Team!**

We are so thrilled to have Elizabeth Anderson join our Richland Public Health & District 1 PREP Team! She will be fulfilling the roles of both a General Health Educator and PREP Support Staff. Elizabeth is a recent Kent State University graduate and comes with abundant experience in the fields of sexual health and public health at large. We are thankful to have Elizabeth on board to assist with all things PREP, as she brings such valuable insight, expertise, and passion to the program.



# september is sexual health awareness month

Despite making up 13% of the U.S. population—and about 25% of the sexually active population—young people ages 15–24 accounted for nearly half (48%) of reported cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis (all stages) in 2023.

Reported rates of certain STIs, such as chlamydia and gonorrhea, are highest among females during adolescence and young adulthood.

People ages 13–24 accounted for 20% of new HIV diagnoses in 2022.

The teen birth rate in 2022 was 13.6 births for every 1,000 females ages 15–19, down 2% from 2021 (13.9) and down 78% from the 1991 peak (61.8).

The 2022 birth rate for adolescents ages 15–17 was 5.6.

The 2022 birth rate for adolescents ages 18–19 was 25.8

The Percentage of High School Students Who:*	2013 Total	2015 Total	2017 Total	2019 Total	2021 Total	2023 Total	Trend (All Years Available)	2-Year Change (2021-2023)
Ever had sex	47	41	40	38	30	32	Shield	Diamond
Had four or more lifetime sexual partners	15	11	10	9	6	6	Shield	Diamond
Were currently sexually active	34	30	29	27	21	21	Shield	Diamond
Used a condom during last sexual intercourse <sup>1</sup>	59	57	54	54	52	52	Octagon	Diamond
Used effective hormonal birth control <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	33	33	-	Diamond
Were ever tested for HIV	13	10	9	9	6	7	Octagon	Diamond
Were tested for STDs during the past year <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	9	5	6	Octagon	Diamond

\*For the complete wording of YRBS questions, refer to Appendix A.  
<sup>1</sup>Among sexually active students.  
<sup>2</sup>Survey question changed in the 2021 national YRBS; therefore, only two years of data are available.  
<sup>3</sup>Question introduced in 2019.

 In wrong direction  
 No change  
 In right direction

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data Summary & Trends Report: 2013–2023 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; 2024. <https://www.cdc.gov/yrbbs/dstr/index.html>

## STI EXPERT HOUR WEBINAR

### Adolescent Sexual Health:

Supporting adolescent sexual well being and health through teen centered care



with

Claudia Borzutzky, MD



December 3, 2024 11:30AM-1:00PM (PST)



[Click here to view the link to the stats from the CDC and HHS](#)

[Click here to view the above webinar from the California Prevention Training Center on Adolescent Sexual Health](#)

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