

Why do we need PREP?

The Facts

- Georgia has the 17th highest teen birth rate in the nation.
- Georgia ranks 4th highest in the country in repeat teen births.
- Teen childbearing in Georgia costs \$395 million dollars a year.
- Teen pregnancy negatively affects the educational achievement of male and female students.
- Youth that are homeless, in and out of home placements (e.g., foster care of DJJ), or come from racial or ethnic minority groups have disproportionate rates of teen pregnancy.

Youth Outcomes

- Increase the number of youth in targeted communities who receive evidenced-based program interventions to reduce teen pregnancy and STI's including HIV/AIDS.
- Increase percentage of youth who abstain from or delay sexual intercourse.
- Increase the use of condoms and other effective methods of contraception among sexually active youth.
- Increase positive healthy relationship behaviors.

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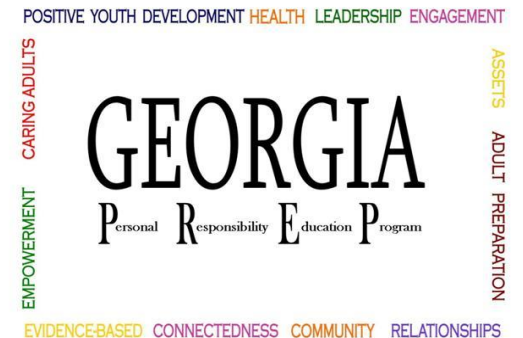
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What is PREP?

Georgia PREP is a state administered federally funded initiative designed to educate youth between the ages of 10-19 on both abstinence and contraception for the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS, and promotion of three adulthood preparation education subjects (Healthy Relationships, Healthy Life Skills, and Adolescent Development). The vision of Georgia's PREP initiative is to provide high priority youth in 10 Georgia counties free access to evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs and supplemental adult preparation subjects. Our goal is to reduce the occurrence of pregnancy, HIV and STI's among high risk adolescents.

Where is PREP being implemented?

- Bibb County
- Chatham County
- Clayton County
- Cobb County
- DeKalb County
- Dougherty County
- Fulton County
- Glynn County
- Gwinnett County
- Muscogee County
- Richmond County

Where is PREP being implemented in Chatham & Glynn County?

- Chatham County Health Dept.
- Island High School – Chatham County
- Savannah State Univ. – Chatham County
- Park Place Outreach Youth Center, Chatham County
- Safe Harbor Children's Center – Glynn County

How are we educating Georgia's youth?

Making Proud Choices

- Intended to reduce the occurrence of unprotected sexual behavior among young adolescents.
- Allows adolescents to feel comfortable abstaining from sex completely or using condoms if they choose to be sexually active.

Making a Difference

- Abstinence focused.
- Intended to reduce the occurrence of sex (vaginal, oral, anal) among young adolescents.

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Prepares to:

- Abstain from sex.
- Confirm consent before engaging in sexual activity.
- Report sexual abuse and assault.
- Communicate with their family about sexual health and dating.
- Make decisions that minimize risk to sexual health.
- Seek medical care in order to take care of their reproductive health.
- And more...