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**State Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)**

**Partners for Youth Success**

**Overview of Federal PREP Initiative**

[State Personal Responsibility Education Program (hhs.gov)](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fysb/fysb_app_stateprep_factsheet_oc_2020_508.pdf)

Through the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP), the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) awards grants to state agencies to educate young people on both abstinence and contraception to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS. The program targets youth ages 10-19 who are homeless, in foster care, live in rural areas or in geographic areas with high teen birth rates, or come from racial or ethnic minority groups. The program also supports pregnant youth and mothers under the age of 21.

PREP projects replicate effective, evidence-based program models or substantially incorporate elements of projects that have been proven to delay sexual activity, increase condom or contraceptive use for sexually active youth, or reduce pregnancy among youth.

In addition to education on abstinence and contraceptive use, PREP projects also offer services to prepare young people for adulthood by implementing activities that address three or more of the subject areas below:

* Healthy relationships, including development of positive self-esteem and relationship dynamics, friendships, dating, romantic involvement, marriage and family interactions;
* Positive adolescent development, to include promotion of healthy attitudes and values about adolescent growth and development, body image, racial and ethnic diversity, and other related subjects;
* Financial literacy, to support the development of self-sufficiency and independent living skills;
* Parent-child communication skills;
* Education and employment preparation skills; and
* Healthy life skills, such as goal-setting, decision making, negotiation, communication and interpersonal skills, and stress management.

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[Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) | Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/personal-responsibility-education-program-prep)

*Partners for Youth Success* is a partnership between the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department), with the goal of decreasing the teen birth rate in Massachusetts communities with the lowest performing schools and highest teen birth rates**.** This project will integrate community and school services to deliver medically accurate, culturally competent, age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education and adulthood preparation subjects to young people ages 10-19.

DPH will award contracts to community-based agencies to implement an evidence-based model including at least three adulthood preparation subjects to high-risk, out-of-school, and older youth. The Department will award grants to school districts to provide one of three selected evidence-based models including three adulthood preparation subjects to middle school students.

Applicants for funding through the Department will go through a needs assessment process to choose the evidence-based program that best matches the needs of the population they intend to serve. School-based programs will choose between *Get Real, Teen Outreach Program (TOP) and Making Proud Choices.*  All programs are to include the skills of healthy relationships, adolescent development and financial literacy.