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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.

**Massachusetts PREP Initiative: Partners for Youth Success**

[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 or DESE), to design and implement PREP within the Commonwealth. The program aims to increase reproductive health outcomes and life opportunities for youth in Massachusetts through sexual health and adulthood preparation education. Funding priorities are for those communities with the greatest need for sexual and reproductive health and educational services. Youth in both DPH funded community-based programs and DESE funded school districts receive high quality, age-appropriate, and medically accurate comprehensive sexuality education. All PREP programs integrate three (3) additional adulthood preparation subjects:

1. Healthy Relationships
2. Adolescent Development
3. Financial Literacy

DPH awards contracts to community-based agencies to implement an evidence-based or evidence-informed model with additional adulthood preparation subjects with high-risk, out-of-school, and older youth as their target audience. The Department awards grants to school districts or school districts and community-based agencies in partnership to provide one of the selected evidence-based or evidence-informed models with adulthood preparation subjects to middle and or high school students.

Applicants for funding through the Department will go through a needs assessment process to choose the evidence-based or evidence -informed program that best matches their needs. School-based programs will choose between *Get Real (MS and/or HS), Teen Outreach Program (TOP), Making Proud Choices and 3Rs (Rights, Respect, Responsibility).*