

SNAPSHOT

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) Evaluation

OPRE Report #2018-47 April 2018

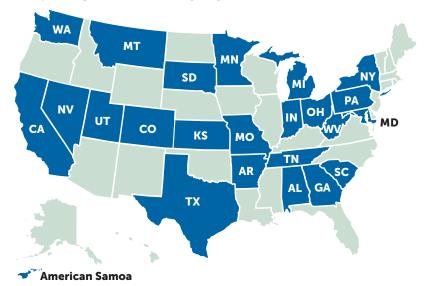
Inputs and Outcomes: PREP Programs Serving Adjudicated Youth

PREP grantees and their program providers are encouraged to serve highly vulnerable populations, including youth in foster care, youth in adjudication systems, homeless or runaway youth, pregnant or parenting youth, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth, youth in residential treatment for mental health issues, and youth who have trouble speaking or understanding English.

Seventy-two programs across 24 states and territories primarily served adjudicated youth.

These programs reached over **8,000 youth** annually.^a

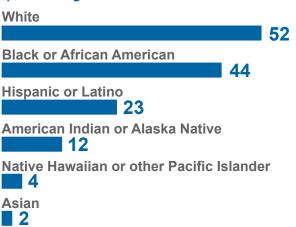
^a Programs that "primarily served" a highly vulnerable population are those that reported that at least half of the youth they served were from a specific highly vulnerable population. Program data do not identify whether each individual participant is or is not from a highly vulnerable population.



53 percent of participants in these programs were served in juvenile detention centers. Programs serving primarily adjudicated youth also operated in other settings, such as foster care settings and schools.

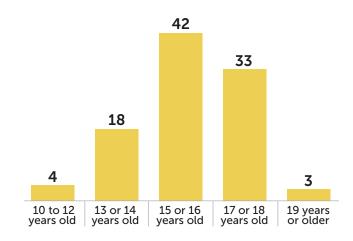
Demographic characteristics of participants in programs primarily serving adjudicated youth

Racial and ethnic composition of youth (percentage)



Note: Percentages sum to more than 100 percent because youth could select more than one race or ethnicity.

Age distribution of youth (percentage)







Programs serving primarily adjudicated youth include many youth who have engaged in risky sexual behavior

76 percent¹ of youth have been sexually active

Of these youth,

29 percent² had
ever been pregnant
or gotten someone
pregnant

¹compared to 41 percent of high schoolage youth nationally and 42 percent of high school-age participants in all PREP programs

² compared to 18 percent of high schoolage participants in all PREP programs



³ compared to 39 percent of high school-age participants in all PREP programs

⁴compared to 28 percent of high school-age participants in all PREP programs

Programming was

interesting



Participants in programs primarily serving adjudicated youth reported positive outcomes as a result of their participation in PREP programs

Sexual behavior intentions for the next six months (percentage)

Less likely to have sexual intercourse

More likely to use birth control (among those indicating they might have sex)

67

More likely to use a condom (among those indicating they might have sex)

72

Perceptions of program quality (percentage)

Felt respected as people during the program

Material presented was clear

Discussions or activities helped them learn program lessons

Had a chance to ask questions

85

Source: 2014–2015 PREP participant entry and exit survey and attendance, reach, and dosage data reported by SPREP, TPREP,

Contract Number: HHSP23320110011YC

and CPREP grantees.

This brief is in the public domain. Permission to reproduce is not necessary. Suggested citation: Murphy, Lauren, Susan Zief, and Lara Hulsey (2018). "Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) Snapshot -- Input and Outcomes: PREP Programs Serving Adjudicated Youth." OPRE Report # 2018-47, Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The views expressed in this publication do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Family and Youth Services Bureau, the Administration for Children and Families, or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

This report and other reports sponsored by the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation are available at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre.