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Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) Evaluation

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Inputs and Outcomes: PREP Programs Serving Runaway and Homeless 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.

Thirteen programs across eight states primarily served runaway or homeless youth. These programs reached over

1,000 youth annually.^a

are those that reported that at least half of the youth they served

^a Programs that "primarily served" a highly vulnerable population

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.

51 percent of participants in these programs were served through community based organizations. Programs serving primarily runaway and homeless youth also operated in other settings, such as juvenile detention centers and schools.

Demographic characteristics of participants in programs primarily serving runaway or homeless youth

Racial and ethnic composition of youth (percentage)

White

Black or African American

American Indian or Alaska Native

Hispanic or Latino

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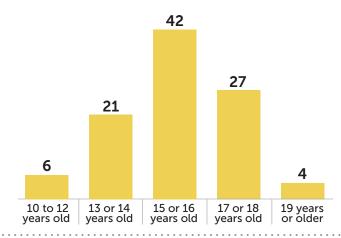
Asian

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

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

Age distribution of youth (percentage)







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Programs serving primarily runaway and homeless youth include many youth who have engaged in risky sexual behavior

68 percent¹ of youth have been sexually active

Of these youth,

26 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



Of youth who had sex in the past 3 months, 45 percent³ did not reliably use any birth control and 49 percent⁴ did not reliably use condoms before participating in PREP

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

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



Participants in programs primarily serving runaway and homeless 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 3

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

69

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

Programming was interesting

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

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