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Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) Evaluation

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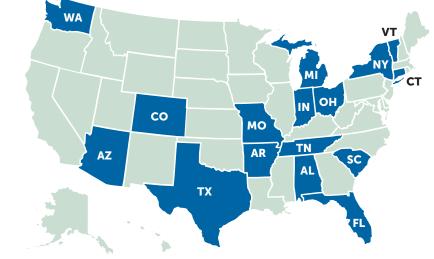
#### Inputs and Outcomes: PREP Programs Serving Youth in Foster Care

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.

Forty-six programs across 16 states primarily served youth in foster care. These programs reached over 5,000 youth annually.ª

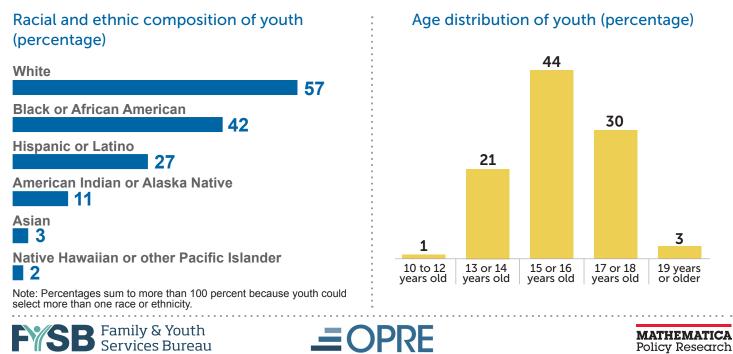
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<sup>a</sup> Programs that "primarily served" a highly vulnerable population are those that reported that at least half of the youth they served were from a specific highly vulnerable population. Program data do not identify whether each individual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



45 percent of participants in these programs were served in foster care settings. Programs serving primarily youth in foster care also operated in other settings, such as community based organizations and schools.

#### Demographic characteristics of participants in programs primarily serving youth in foster care



#### Programs serving primarily youth in foster care include many youth who have engaged in risky sexual behavior

## **67 percent<sup>1</sup>** of youth have been sexually active

Of these youth, **27 percent**<sup>2</sup> had ever been **pregnant** or gotten someone pregnant

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

<sup>2</sup> compared to 18 percent of high schoolage participants in all PREP programs



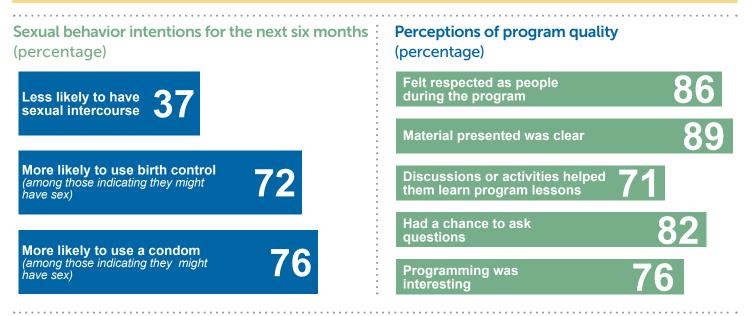
Of youth who had sex in the past 3 months, **53 percent**<sup>3</sup> did not reliably use any **birth control** and **53 percent**<sup>4</sup> did not reliably use **condoms** before participating in PREP

<sup>3</sup> compared to 39 percent of high school-age participants in all PREP programs

<sup>4</sup> compared to 28 percent of high school-age participants in all PREP programs



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



**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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