##  NC DHHS Notice of Funding Availability

Reporting Form

**RFA# A424**

**DHHS Division/Office issuing this notice:** Division of Public Health/Women, Infant, and Community Wellness Section, Reproductive Health Branch

**Date of this notice:** September 24, 2025

**RFA Title:** PREPare for Success

**Purpose:** The Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) is designed to educate adolescents on both abstinence and contraception to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), and adulthood preparation subjects. With reproductive health education programs, youth development, and parent involvement, adolescents will have the information and skills needed to make healthy decisions about reproductive health. PREP is administered by Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiatives (TPPI) of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Women, Infant, and Community Wellness Section, Reproductive Health Branch.

**Description:** The purpose of PREP is to educate young people on both abstinence and contraception to prevent pregnancy, STIs, and HIV. PREP projects replicate effective, evidence-based or evidence-informed program models that have shown to delay sexual activity, increase condom or contraceptive use for sexually active youth, and/or reduce pregnancy among youth.

In addition, PREP projects also offer education on human trafficking, and services to prepare young people for adulthood by implementing activities that address three (3) or more of the following adulthood preparation subjects:

* Adolescent Development,
* Education and Career Success,
* Financial Literacy,
* Healthy Life Skills,
* Healthy Relationships, and
* Parent-Child Communication.

Applicants are also required to establish a Community Advisory Council (CAC) that equally represents community agencies and youth served by the program and a Youth Leadership Council (YLC) consisting of youth program participants.

**Eligibility:** Public or private non-profit agencies (e.g., schools, colleges/universities, local health departments, non-profit community-based organizations) may receive funding to replicate at least one (1) evidence-based program model through this Request for Applications (RFA). For-profit agencies need not apply. If the applicant agency currently receives Primary Prevention funding for teen pregnancy prevention through the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, the agency may not apply to implement an additional primary pregnancy prevention program in the same county they currently serve but may propose a new program in a different county.

Applications will only be accepted from counties ranking in the top 50 for birth rates among females aged 15 to 19 based on a five-year average between 2019-2023. The counties are as follows: **Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Burke, Caldwell, Caswell, Cherokee, Chowan, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Edgecombe, Graham, Greene, Halifax, Hoke, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Macon, Martin, McDowell, Mitchell, Nash, Northampton, Onslow, Perquimans, Person, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Rutherford, Sampson, Scotland, Surry, Swain, Vance, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wilkes, Wilson, Yadkin, and Yancey**.

Potential applicants should consider their community’s readiness to support teen pregnancy prevention efforts, and their agency’s organizational capacity to administer the state grant funds if awarded. Recipients of state funds are expected to have established in writing certain general agency policies including personnel and financial accounting policies. **Applicants that have not previously received or successfully administered state funds should consult a PREP staff member to determine if their agency has the internal policies and procedures in place to administer a state grant at this time.** Funds to grantees will be dispersed on a cost reimbursement basis only, and agencies should carefully consider if they have the capacity to implement the program under this system.

**How to Apply:**

The RFA will be posted on the Program’s website [www.teenpregnancy.ncdhhs.gov/funding.htm](http://www.teenpregnancy.ncdhhs.gov/funding.htm), along with electronic copies of the application materials, on September 24, 2025.

A representative of the applicant agency is encouraged to participate in the bidder’s conference, which will be held virtually on **October 2, 2025**. Written questions concerning the specifications in this RFA will be received until 5:00pm on **October 9, 2025**. As an addendum to this RFA, a summary of all questions and answers will be placed on <https://teenpregnancy.dph.ncdhhs.gov/funding.htm> by **October 17, 2025**.

Potential applicants are also encouraged to submit an optional Notice of Intent no later than 5:00pm on **October 9, 2025** by completing the survey found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NoticeofIntentRFA2025>.

No later than October 30, 2025, Applicants shall email a PDF version of the full application; the application must be typed, on 8.5” x 11” paper with margins of 1”. Line spacing should be single-spaced. The font should be easy to read and no smaller than an 11-point font.

**Deadline for Submission:** Applications must be submitted electronically no later than 5:00pm on October 30, 2025 to tppi-rfa@dhhs.nc.gov.

**How to Obtain Further Information:** tppi-rfa@dhhs.nc.gov

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