

Key Elements of the Success Sequence in Ohio Adolescent Health Centers Programs

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A primary goal of Ohio Adolescent Health Centers programs is to empower young people with effective goal-setting skills. These skills provide a crucial foundation for students in grades 6-12, enabling them to make informed decisions that pave the way for future success.

Students in these programs recognize high school graduation as an important initial step toward achieving their broader aspirations. Their post-graduation plans vary, encompassing options such as trade schools, community colleges, universities, or direct entry into the workforce through career-focused education offered at school career centers.

Students' motivations for seeking full-time employment are diverse, ranging from ambitious career goals and leveraging their unique talents to the practical need for financial independence.

Significantly, participation in Ohio Adolescent Health Centers program activities often marks the beginning of students envisioning a roadmap for their future, which frequently includes marriage. Despite shifting societal norms (as highlighted by the 2025 Hope and a Future Report, indicating that 42% of Ohio students live in single-parent homes), many students express a desire to marry, a trend observed within OAHC program activities.

High school can be a time when students form relationships that lead them to consider marriage in their future. Ohio Adolescent Health Center programs illuminate the positive aspects that marriage can bring to individuals and their future families. These programs explore the history and prevalence of marriage across cultures, discuss readiness for marriage, and highlight the personal and communal benefits associated with family formation through marriage.

Furthermore, Ohio Adolescent Health Center programs address the responsibilities of parenting, emphasizing the importance of childbearing and raising children within the context of marriage to foster a two-parent family structure. By providing factual information, these programs equip students to make informed decisions about the healthiest pathways for forming their own families.

With the increasing emphasis on the Success Sequence in Ohio schools, all students will have the opportunity to learn about this framework and ultimately consider aligning their family formation decisions with its principles.

As the Hope and a Future Report underscores, the Success Sequence promotes personal responsibility, encouraging individuals to proactively shape their family and financial futures. Ohio Adolescent Health Center programs actively foster a framework of thoughtful life choices that aligns with the core objectives of the Success Sequence.

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