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Newsletter for Making Healthy Decisions at Carnegie Mellon University and West Virginia University

Busy, Busy, Busy!

We are thrilled to be busier with recruitment for Making Healthy Decisions now than ever before. Our partners at Planned Parenthood of Delaware and Greater Ohio as well as Widener University have been especially busy. Since the beginning of 2018, we have formed 12 new CBO partnerships and received 34 new Implementation Plans. Next week 15 new groups from a single CBO—Universal Audenried Charter High School—will hold their “Session 0.” Less than 4 months remain in the study, and if your organization wants to submit financial paperwork or hold the program at your site, please let us know.

“Young people have the right to lead healthy lives. Providing them with honest, age appropriate, comprehensive sexual health education is a key part in helping them take personal responsibility for their health and well-being.”

—Advocates for Youth

PPGOH: New Recruitment Coordinator

Gabrielle Glenn is the new Making Healthy Decisions Recruitment Coordinator for Columbus and Akron, OH. She has a BS in Human Ecology and an MPH with a Health Behavior & Health Promotion specialization from The Ohio State University. Gabby enjoys rock climbing, skiing, cooking, and traveling. She has lived in Ecuador and Italy and has traveled to 36 countries. Her passion for public health started during her volunteer experience in Ethiopia where she worked with a non-profit organization treating infants with neural tube defects. We’re happy she’s on our team!



The next training webinar for *Seventeen Days* will be held **March 27, 2018 at 2PM.**

This 1.5 hour training is required for those wanting to implement the program. The cost is \$300 per person.

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Partner Spotlight:

Universal Audenried Charter High School

Universal Audenried Charter High School is a high school servicing the Grays Ferry area of Philadelphia. The school was rebuilt in 2008 and provides a comprehensive educational experience for students grades 9-12. It is

the only charter with a state-approved Postsecondary Career & Technical Education (CTE) program, providing both education and skills training that prepare graduates for college admission and meaningful employment.

Our team is working with the facilitators at Widener University to implement our programs with 200+ young women across 15 groups as part of their health class at Universal Audenried over a 4-week period. It's We're up to the challenge and so happy to have them on board!



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Facts about teen pregnancy in Pennsylvania:

- The teen **birth** rate in Pennsylvania declined 66% between 1991 and 2016.
- The teen **pregnancy** rate has also fallen steeply: by 60% between 1988 and 2013.
- Despite drops in teen birth and pregnancy rates, social and economic health disparities remain.

(Source: The National Campaign to Prevent Teen & Unplanned Pregnancy)

Contact Us

Is there anything you'd like to see in the next newsletter? Do you have questions about items in this issue? Would you like your organization to be featured in the next newsletter? We'd love to hear from you. Let us know by emailing Dr. Amie Ashcraft at amashcraft@hsc.wvu.edu.

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