# Ohio Adolescent Health Centers (OAHC) provide programs to meet the requirements of the Parents Right to Know Act (HB 110).



#### **Ohio Law**

## Parents Right to Know Act

- Updates the Ohio law to provide sexual risk avoidance education for middle and high school students as incorporated in HB110. (State operating budget appropriations)
- Signed into law June 30, 2021 updating the venereal disease education law of 1999.
- Requires Ohio public schools to provide **sexual risk avoidance (SRA) education**. Schools must teach the healthy standard of abstaining from sex until marriage and teach that abstinence from sexual activity is the only protection that is 100% effective against unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

OAHC programs provide facts and skills to avoid risk behaviors such as nonmarital sexual activity, alcohol, illicit drugs (including opioids), violence – including but not limited to bullying, dating violence, human trafficking, and suicide awareness and prevention – which meet the requirements of several laws.

#### The Ohio Law specifically includes instruction in the following:

- a) Stress that students should abstain from sexual activity until marriage;
- b) Teach the potential physical, psychological, and emotional, and social side effects of participating in sexual activity outside of marriage;
- c) Teach that conceiving children out of wedlock is likely to have harmful consequences for the child, the child's parents, and society;
- d) Stress that sexually transmitted diseases are serious possible hazards of sexual activity;
- e) Advise students of the laws pertaining to financial responsibility of parents to children born in and out of wedlock;
- f) Advise students of the circumstances under which it is criminal to have sexual conduct with a person under the age of sixteen pursuant to ORC 2907.04; and
- g) Emphasize adoption as an option for unintended pregnancies.

THE LAW REQUIRES	OAHC PROVIDES	PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW
<ul> <li>All Ohio Public schools submit an annual audit to prove sexual risk avoidance education is provided to students in middle and high school.</li> </ul>	Goals and objectives for all curricula (See list of SRA) All surveys prior to administration	Parents may opt-out students, but 99% do not once they have reviewed the curricula goals and
<ul> <li>Audits must be posted on the Ohio Department of Education website annually and not later than 120 days after the school year begins. The name of the programs used must be posted.</li> <li>Superintendents cannot approve waivers.</li> </ul>		objectives.  Parents can check the Ohio Department of Education web site for their school district report.
<ul> <li>If Ohio public schools decide to provide any sexual education outside of the requirements in the Parents Right to Know Act (a-g), they must inform parents and parents must opt-in children to participate in these programs.</li> </ul>	Quality, evidence based, medically accurate curricula that meets the mandates of the Parents Right to Know Act	Comprehensive and sexual risk reduction curricula does not meet this law.

## Ohio Adolescent Health Centers (OAHC) provide sexual risk avoidance education through highly qualified partners, some of whom have been serving Ohio schools since 1987.

**OAHC** is a collaboration of community-based nonprofit organizations dedicated to providing programs and services that support optimal health for Ohio's youth. Ohio-based curricula is listed to help parents identify the best programs.



### OAHC Programs

- Meet the Medical Institute's K-12 Standards for Optimal Sexual Development.
- Are approved by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Sexual Risk Avoidance Program.
- Are funded through state and federal grants from ODH and the Ohio Department of Education (ODE).