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**Northwest Arkansas Community College**

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**Unplanned Pregnancy Report**

**State of Arkansas Annual Report**

**(Summary of activity 2021-2022 academic year)**

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**2020-2021 Statement Regarding COVID-19 Pandemic**

Following a global pandemic, the Northwest Arkansas Community College, like many other colleges and universities across the world, experienced a significant change in operations for nearly three full semesters. With slightly lower enrollment, and significantly lower student populations on campus, we also experienced less opportunity for face-to-face programming, but did successfully move all operations to an online format. Our teams worked hard to ensure continuity of services offered, especially through our Counseling and Wellness Center.

1. **Incorporated information on unplanned pregnancy prevention for students into student orientation activities.**

* Information and resources about unplanned pregnancy are included in the curriculum for Successful First Year Student courses.
* New Student Orientation presentations include information and resources about the prevention of unplanned pregnancies. This session is mandatory for all incoming students.

1. **Integrated information recognized as medically accurate by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists about the prevention of unplanned pregnancy into academic courses.**

* The Counseling and Wellness Center along with the Dean of Students Office offers prevention of unplanned pregnancy resource guide training to staff and faculty biannually.

1. **Identified opportunities to raise awareness and provide resources about the prevention of unplanned pregnancies across the student population.**

* Since the majority of community outreach and interaction took place online during the 2021-2022 semester, links to community resources including information and support for the prevention of unplanned pregnancies were integrated into virtual presentations and social media posts.
* Awareness information and resources are continually provided on our college’s website at: <https://www.nwacc.edu/studentservices/healthandwellbeing/unplannedpregnancysexualhealth.aspx>
* Most virtual presentations to both students and employees included information on HarkNWA, a website allowing users to access extensive information and connections to community resources, including those for prevention and support of unplanned pregnancies.

1. **Identified private or federal grants available to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancy and promote student success, including any partnerships necessary to**

**compete for such grants.**

* The Arkansas Career Pathways program is an employability grant designed to provide support services for single and married parents attending college classes. The goal is to help individuals become self-sufficient by increasing employability skills through higher education and training.
* Awareness information and resources are continually provided on our college’s website at: <https://www.nwacc.edu/careerpathways/default.aspx>

1. **Collaborated with the Department of Health or federally qualified health centers to promote access to care.**

* Community links and information provided through discussion of and details on HarkNWA as a portal to community resources and sharing of information hosted on <https://www.nwacc.edu/studentservices/healthandwellbeing/unplannedpregnancysexualhealth.aspx>.

1. **Identified child care, transportation, financial aid and other challenges specific to existing single parents.**

* The Arkansas Career Pathways program is an employability grant designed to provide support services for single parents attending college classes. The goal is to help individuals become self-sufficient by increasing employability skills through higher education and training.
* Career Pathways participants have access to case management services to assist with setting goals and planning support systems and resources while in college, assistance with finding jobs, tutoring, and access to a computer lab for doing homework and improving computer skills. In addition, some parents may qualify for assistance with childcare, transportation, and tuition, books, and other direct educational expenses.
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1. **Identified a method to measure effectiveness of your unplanned pregnancy prevention activities.**

* Data derived from student body surveys sent by our Student Government Association on unplanned pregnancy prevention is utilized in planning for continuous improvement for our unplanned pregnancy awareness and prevention programming.

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