

North Arkansas College

Academic Year 2018-19

Prevention of Unplanned Pregnancies among College Students Report

I. Incorporation of unplanned pregnancy prevention information for students into student orientation.

The College requires completion of a mandatory online orientation for each new or non-consecutive returning student. The online orientation is presented each semester: Fall, Spring and Summer sessions. The online orientation includes information on pregnancy prevention, family planning and contraception, health of reproductive systems and campus and community resources.

II. Integration of medically accurate information about the prevention of unplanned pregnancy into academic courses if and when appropriate, including without limitation abstinence education.

Northark is in the process of restructuring the entire First Year Experience course and the student mandatory requirements. The curriculum is being developed over the summer and will include resources from the Arkansas Department of Health, The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Unplanned Pregnancy and the Arkansas Campaign to Prevent Unplanned Pregnancy.

Pregnancy prevention, contraception, reproductive health, and general health topics are discussed in Northark's Personal Health and Safety Course, General Psychology, and Human Growth and Development. These courses are routinely offered both fall and spring semesters.

III. Opportunities to raise awareness of and provide resources for the prevention of unplanned pregnancies across the entire student population.

Northark created brochures and flyers with pregnancy prevention and reproductive health resources. These materials were distributed to students throughout the campuses through brochure and literature racks, table tents, and loose flyers placed in student populated areas such as the Advising Center, Student Center and Learning Resource Center. Posters were also created with similar information and displayed throughout the campuses. Northark uses electronic monitors to display important information for students, faculty and staff. Electronic materials were created and displayed on the monitors as well. Monitors are located on every campus. All materials include a referral to institutional advisors for additional information and support if needed.

IV. Opportunities for current students to reach out to younger teens.

The College's current students interact with younger students including teens through multiple avenues. Northark athletes and managers spend time mentoring students through summer sports camps such as basketball. Basketball camps are hosted throughout the summer and divided into grade levels to ensure safety and maximum learning. Northark athletes work with these participants throughout the camps to teach skill sets, healthy living, cooperation, relationship building and active participation.

Northark's athletes also spend time with public school students during the school year. Our students spend time reading to students, tutoring, etc. Northark's education students also spend a significant time in the public school system observing and engaging with students.

We have also had students who were placed in the school systems via workstudy and were able to provide tutoring and teacher assistance to the classrooms.

V. Identify private or federal grants available to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancy.

Northark obtained a Title III grant that addresses an electronic version of a student Welcome Form (intake form) used to identify and address student barriers and student holistic support such as child care, pregnancy prevention, housing, and financial coaching.

VI. Collaboration with the Department of Health or federally qualified health center to promote access to care.

Northark is located in close proximity to the Arkansas Department of Health. The Arkansas Department of Health partners with Northark for health related services. For example, the Arkansas Department of Health provided free flu immunizations for Northark students. Several representatives set up a small clinic for two days in the Bradley Student Center and provided immunizations on a walk-in basis for our students, faculty, and staff. The Arkansas Department of Health serves as a resource for our students for pregnancy prevention, family planning, and women's health. Northark's faculty and staff are well informed of the services available and routinely refer students to the Arkansas Department of Health.

VII. Identify child care, transportation, financial aid, and other challenges specific to existing single parents.

Northark's Career Pathways Initiative program provides assistance for transportation, child care, books, supplies, and tuition for students who have a dependent child living in their home and meet the necessary guidelines. Northark also has a food pantry, Pete's Pantry, that is available to all students. Northark also works closely with several counties that sponsor a single parent scholarship. Two Northark staff members serve on the boards of Boone County Single Parent Scholarship and Newton County Single Parent Scholarship. Each year, the Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship representatives visit with Northark advisors and financial aid officers to provide resource updates.

Pregnant and parenting training under the Title IX obligations is provided to all faculty members annually by the Title IX Coordinator to ensure that everyone is aware of the requirements. Also, the Title IX Coordinator works individually with students and faculty members to ensure that all obligations are met and all resources and accommodations are utilized.

VIII. Identify other topics or issues relating to the prevention and reduction of unplanned pregnancies.

Northark is tracking course withdrawals through advisor interactions when withdrawing from a course. Also, Career and Educational Planning and coaching is available to students to help set goals and plan out future.