

## University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana

### Academic Year 2017-2018 Report on Activities regarding the Prevention of Unplanned Pregnancies Among College Students

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

UAHT implemented a mandatory session on preventing unplanned pregnancy in new student orientation. The session was presented by staff from the Arkansas Department of Health. The session included information on pregnancy prevention, family planning and contraception, reproductive health, and campus and community resources.

- II. Integration of medically accurate information about the prevention of unplanned pregnancy into academic courses.

Unplanned pregnancy prevention was included in UAHT's freshman seminar course, College Life Skills. Instructors utilized information, materials and resources from the Arkansas Department of Health, AFMC, the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, and the Arkansas Campaign to Prevent Unplanned Pregnancy.

- III. Student awareness campaign and providing resources about the prevention of unplanned pregnancies across the student population.

UAHT provided brochures on contraception and reproductive health from AFMC and the Arkansas Department of Health in literature stands on its campuses and distributed them in College Life Skills classes. UAHT placed posters on its campuses regarding preventing unplanned pregnancy and the availability of contraceptives and health services at the local Department of Health offices. Information tables were staffed in the Student Center with pregnancy prevention information and brochures and models regarding long acting reversible contraception. UAHT developed a web page on its web site with resources on preventing unplanned pregnancy. UAHT partnered with 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Pregnancy Resource Center for their abstinence program and adoption referral services.

- IV. Identify opportunities for current students to reach out to younger teens.

The College worked with Hope Academy of Public Service 9<sup>th</sup> grade class with college preparedness including unplanned pregnancy.

- V. Identify grants available to address prevention of unplanned pregnancy.

The College applied for a Title III grant to transition from faculty advising to a professional advising model which will include an emphasis on life coaching including prevention of unplanned pregnancy and providing enhanced service to parenting students.

VI. Collaboration with the Department of Health to promote access to care.

UAHT collaborated with the Department of Health to have them do presentations during new student orientation and to provide flyers and brochures regarding their services to students.

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

UAHT has a Career Pathways program that provides support for child care, transportation, books, and tuition assistance to students who are parents and meet program qualifications. The UAHT Foundation has an emergency transportation fund that is utilized to provide students with short-term transportation help. The UAHT Foundation has several privately funded scholarships that are designated for single parents. Several UAHT employees serve on the local Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund boards, and the College hosts a large annual fund raiser for the Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund. Faculty, staff, and advisors are well-informed about the availability of services and scholarships for parenting students and heavily promote Career Pathways, UAHT Foundation Scholarships, and Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund scholarships.

UAHT also partnered with 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Pregnancy Resource Center to do presentations in College Skills class and have an information table in the Student Center. 1<sup>st</sup> Choice provides parenting classes and infant supplies for new parents.

The Title IX Coordinator provides annual training to faculty on the College's obligations under Title IX regarding pregnant and parenting students. The Title IX Coordinator works with individual students and faculty to ensure that pregnant and parenting students are connected to resources and appropriate accommodations are made for students.

VIII. The College has started collecting and tracking withdrawal reasons through advisors to determine the effectiveness of prevention activities and programming.