

# UA Little Rock report on Act 943

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**1) Incorporate unplanned pregnancy prevention information for students through advising and student orientation**

*A brief overview of preventing unplanned pregnancies is provided to all students at each orientation session (total of 1,040 students). In addition, general information about these and other services are provided via tables at the numerous resource fairs held as part of the orientation process.*

**2) Integrate information that is recognized as medically accurate by the A.C.O.G. about the prevention of unplanned pregnancy into academic courses.**

The following information was provided to 22 sections of PEAW 1300 (first year experience) courses, with a total of 590 students.

- a) *The Arkansas Campaign to Prevent Unplanned Pregnancy video.*
- b) *The three national videos, including quizzes.*
- c) *The five-minute UA Little Rock Health video that was developed in-house.*

We will explore offering the same curriculum in social work, sociology, and health-related courses in 2018-19.

We also continue to include the Health Services Marketing Blurb in the Office of Undergraduate Academic Advising 101 packet.

- 3) **Identify opportunities to raise awareness of and provide resources for prevention of unplanned pregnancies across the entire student population.**

#### **HEALTH SERVICES:**

At the beginning of the fall semester, Health Services worked with Campus Living to distribute 4x6" cards to every student who lives in UA Little Rock housing informing them about the birth control program that is available on campus through the office.

Expansion of third-party billing and certification of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse providers made it possible for students to continue to access the Long Acting Reversible Contraceptive, Nexplanon, through the office of Health Services. Fifteen students had Nexplanon implants placed during the last academic year.

- 4) **CAMPUS LIVING:**

Partnered with Health Services to put on Trojan Wars, an event focused on safe sex, unplanned pregnancy prevention, and STD awareness during Trojan Daze.

Condoms are free and readily available in Health Services and within certain areas of Campus Living, including some front desks and from resident assistants.

Resident Assistants created bulletin boards utilizing statistics on pregnancy and STDs aimed at encouraging students to practice safe sex, and discussed pregnancy prevention at hall meetings.

Campus Living provided information about UA Little Rock Health Services and the contraception services that they offer to students.

UA Little Rock collaborated with ADHE to present at the Partners for Student Success Conference in Hot Springs in October 2017. The presentation, ***Preventing Unplanned Pregnancies on Your Campus in 140 Characters or less***, covered Act 943, using the work done at UA Little Rock as an example. Presenters were Sharon Ann Downs, Angela Lasiter, and Madeleine Parrish. Partners for Student Success conferences include members of Arkansas College Testing Association (ACTA), Arkansas College Health Association (ArCHA), Arkansas Student Affairs Association (ArSAA), Arkansas Academic Advising Network (ArkAAN), and Arkansas Association on Higher Education and Disability (Ark-AHEAD).

**5) Identify opportunities for current students to reach out to younger teens to serve as mentors.**

Roughly 80-100 mentorships are set up through the Charles W. Donaldson Scholars Academy with students in the Pulaski County Special School District.

**6) Identify private or federal grants available to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancy.**

Health Services worked with the Student Affairs graduate student in 2016-17 to identify grant opportunities for this purpose. Unfortunately after grant possibilities were identified, we learned of conflicts from those funding sources with the UA Little Rock development office, and so we weren't able to pursue them. This situation hasn't changed in 2017-18.

UA Little Rock received a small grant from the Arkansas Campaign to Prevent Unplanned Pregnancy in 2017-18 to further our pregnancy prevention efforts.

**7) Collaborate with ADH or FQHSs or both to promote access to care.**

UA Little Rock has a vibrant Health Services that provides comprehensive reproductive health for students. Referral information is available for students wishing to visit clinics outside of the university.

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

We know that child care is a barrier for single parent students, as well as single parent employees. The new UA Little Rock strategic plan includes language to explore creating a child-care center on campus, and a donor has been identified that might make implementation a possibility in the near future.

**9) Identify other topics or issues relating to the prevention of unplanned pregnancies among older teens.**

*Nexplanon, a long-acting reversible contraceptive, continues to be available in UA Little Rock's Health Services.*