



OAHC programs provide facts and skills to avoid risk behaviors such as non-marital sexual activity, alcohol and other drug use, violence – including but not limited to bullying, dating violence, human trafficking, and suicide awareness which meet the requirements of several laws.

Ohio Adolescent Health Centers Inc. (OAHC) is a collaborative of risk avoidance educators who provide programming in 78% of Ohio’s 88 counties. OAHC offers 5-10 sessions of risk avoidance education programming for grades five through high school each school year. A student completing all grade levels receives almost 50 sessions of risk avoidance education assisting public and private schools in meeting several federal and state laws.

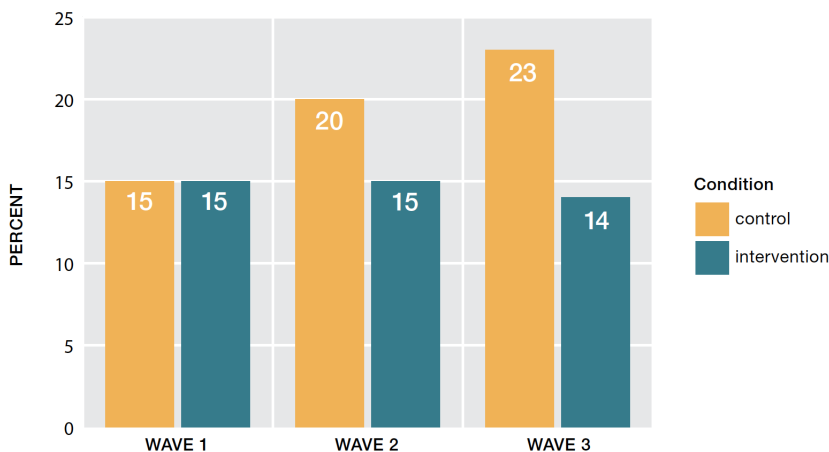


**Male, 9th Grade, Warren County** – *“I highly appreciate this, as I haven’t been taught much about the dangers of teenage sex. I learned that waiting to have sex can prevent chances of STDs and help me reach my life goals. I believe that I will be more responsible and careful when I get older. Before the program, I was not sure if I would delay sex, but now I know I will.”*

OAHC provides programs that are most often invited by 500+ local schools in Ohio.

## Evaluation of OAHC (2016-2020)

Have you ever had sex? (Q29)



**Male, 8th Grade, Cuyahoga Co.** – *“This program will help me set my boundaries and respect boundaries of others.”*

OAHC’s most recent evaluation by Social Capital Valuations revealed that OAHC is very successful in reducing teen pregnancies and increasing the number of teens who have not had sex during their teen years.

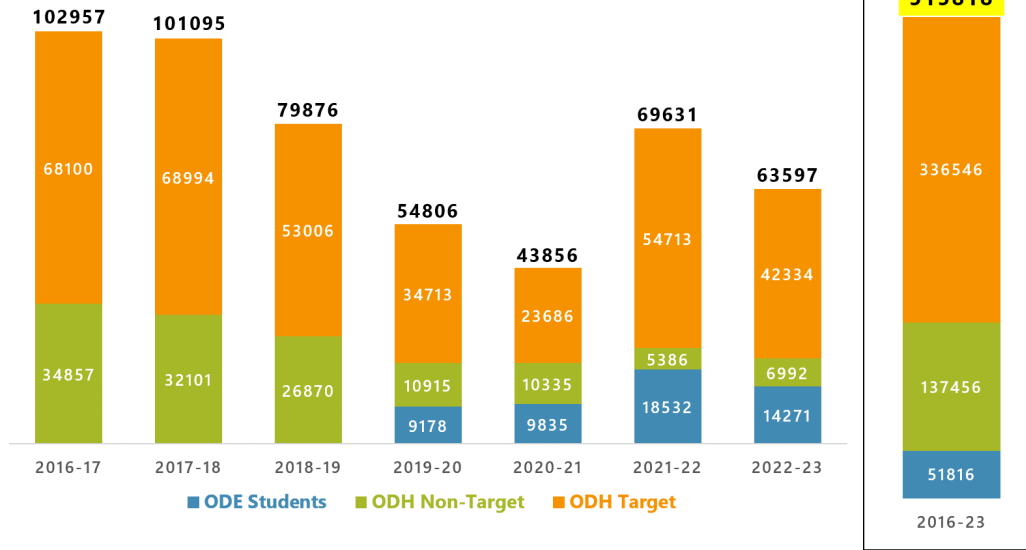
This graph represents those choosing to participate in sexual activity.

While the intervention group’s response held steady at 15% over all 3 waves, the control group’s results continued to increase over time, peaking at 24% at wave 3. The 9-point differential at wave 3 represents a 64% (9/14) increase in sexual initiation for the control group compared against the intervention group. This equates to a 35% success rate.

## 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).

OAHC Has Served **515,818** Students in Ohio Since 2016!



Over a half-a-million students (515,818) received risk avoidance instruction from Ohio Adolescent Health Centers (OAHC) from 2016-2023. Equipping students with this information literally saves the State of Ohio millions of dollars (as seen below) in students acquiring knowledge and skills on how and why to avoid early pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases, violence, addictions, and prison. The students served varies depending on the amount of funding received each year. OAHC has the ability to double the number of students served depending on funding. Students receive five to ten sessions of classroom programming as scheduled by each school. Curricula used are evidence based, medically accurate, and well received by youth, their schools, and their parents. All curricula meet the state and federal laws for risk avoidance and healthy relationship requirements.

## Return on Investment (2016-2020)

Category	Amount of Savings
Sexually Transmitted Infections Avoided	\$954,408
Suicide and Intimate Partner Violence Avoided	\$1,685,839
Underage Drinking Avoided	\$4,921,959
Pregnancies Avoided	\$3,704,135
NPV of Lifetime Tax Revenue Collected plus Public Assistance and Criminal Justice System Avoided	\$173,821,365
<b>TOTAL EXPECTED SAVINGS</b>	<b>\$185,087,706</b>

### 8th Grade, Female Ashland County Student

*“I liked how she was very straight forward. I learned: how to build a healthy relationship that leads to marriage; the physical, mental, and emotional consequences of sex outside of marriage; and that waiting is the best choice. I think it was presented well. I plan to wait and to not have sex outside of marriage.”*

The total four-year investment (2016-2020) in the OAHC Project was **\$9,933,286**. When we divide \$185,087,706 by \$9,933,286, we see that **\$18.63 is returned for every \$1.00 invested in the OAHC Project**. Note: Calculated by Social Capital Valuations, Reston, VA. The OAHC evaluation report is available at [oahcyouth.org](http://oahcyouth.org).