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Internship, Volunteer, Adult Ally and Shadowing Experiences are available throughout the school year in any of our six Prevention and Youth Empowerment programs. Our programs serve students in grades 5 through 12 in several Geauga and Lake County schools. We also host several community initiatives that serve all of Northeast Ohio.

Our Programs

Youth Led Prevention (YLP)

YLP is a youth leadership program offered to all Geauga County middle and high schools. The YLP mission is to both encourage and train youth to become active citizens, agents for community change, and act as role models and advocates for healthy life styles among peers. YAC (Youth Advisory Council) is a county –wide student led organization that trains younger leaders, and plans county-wide mental health initiatives.

Digital World

Helping children grow to become happy, healthy and successful adults is complicated by the fast paced growth of technology, including the growing use of social media. Geauga ESC, with the support of Geauga Job and Family Services has identified a need to address the developmental, social and emotional impact of the digital world on youth, their relationships, and their future.

ESC offers classroom presentation in grade 6, 7 and 8, parent education and community awareness initiatives, and co-develops prevention activities with youth

leaders that help us identify local needs, and promote the positive use of social media in all grades.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP)

TPP is a Holistic Sexuality Education program that provides an integrated, age appropriate curriculum in grade 5-10 in Geauga Public Schools. Holistic Education supports the idea that healthy adolescent development is about much more than physical considerations. This positive youth development approach incorporates emotional, social, intellectual and ethical, as well as the physical considerations in regard to relationships and adolescent development.

TPP is based in part on the Search Institute Developmental Assets Model and host asset development programs such as Asset Class and Peer Mentoring in three districts.

Geauga County School-Community Forum

The Geauga School Community Forum began in Spring of 2016 as a dialogue between school district and community agency personnel about the growing non-academic needs of our students. The Forum quickly grew into an active community partnership with three objectives: Improve mental health, decrease the negative impact of social media/connectivity, and support students during times of transition.

Comprehensive prevention education practices, programs and/or strategies are developed in accordance with school need and aligned with each district's PBIS.

Northeast Ohio Regional Learning Collaborative

Geauga ESC operates the Northeast Ohio Regional Learning Collaborative of the Ohio Youth Led Programs (YLP). The goal of Y in Ohio is Youth Empowerment; "the ability of youth to influence the social and political systems that affect their lives." We are one of five such Learning Collaboratives in Ohio.

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