

Through funding provided by the U.S. Administration of Children and Families, abstinence education will be provided to middle and high school students at North Lawrence Community Schools and Mitchell Community Schools.

The goals of the North Lawrence and Mitchell RESPECT (Reducing Early Sex and Pregnancy by Educating Children and Teens) Programs are to reduce pregnancies among adolescent females, increase the proportion of adolescents who have never engaged in sexual intercourse and to provide school health education to prevent health problems in the areas of HIV/AIDS and STD infection.

The project partners (North Lawrence Community Schools, Mitchell Community Schools and Southeast/South Central Indiana Area Health Education Center through Hoosier Uplands) will utilize the Creating Positive Relationships Program to educate Lawrence County teens on the importance of abstinence and provide information on the dangers of sexually transmitted diseases.