

# Pathways to Prevention Certification

## A COMMUNITY APPROACH

### Community Members who can provide prevention services:

- **Social Worker** - Provide prevention services across the lifespan.
- **Government** - Work toward environmental strategies and policy change.
- **Human Resources** - Creating and implementing drug free workplace policies.
- **Guidance Counselor** – Provide prevention education to students in a classroom setting; problem identification and referral.
- **School Resource Officer / Law Enforcement** - Provide prevention education in school settings
- **Youth Workers** - Provide asset development, PAX Tools, and protective factors. Also, lead drug free clubs.
- **Health Educator** - Provide alcohol, tobacco, and other drug, suicide, and gambling prevention programs.
- **Registered Nurse** - Provide Prevention Services as part of scope of practice.
- **Family and Children First Council** - Provide asset development to families involved in services.
- **Psychologist** - Provide individual prevention services with clients such coping skills.
- **Faith-based Personnel** – Provide prevention across the lifespan.

### Licensures that can automatically provide and supervise prevention services:

- Registered Nurse
- Certified Nurse Practitioner
- Clinical Nurse
- Medical Doctor
- Psychologist
- Professional Clinical Counselor
- Social Worker
- School Counselor
- Certified Health Education Specialist

Everyone has a role in prevention. Prevention is multi-faceted and comprehensive. Becoming certified in prevention has many benefits:

- Be identified as a prevention professional
- Trained in prevention science
- Knowledge of effective prevention strategies
- Ability to apply for additional funding sources
- Network with other prevention professionals
- Keep up to date with current prevention practices
- Makes you more marketable

### TYPES OF CREDENTIALING:

| Type                  | Registered Applicant  | Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist Assistant (OCPSA)  | Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist (OCPS)   | Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant (OCPC)   |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Degree needed         | High school diploma/GED   | High school diploma/GED   | Associates degree or higher   | Bachelor's degree or higher   |
| Work Experience       | 0 hours   | 100 hours   | 2000 hours (120 in specific areas)  | 6000 hours (4000 must be administering or supervising services)   |
| Prevention Education  | 0 hours   | 45 hours  | 120 hours   | 120 hours + 90 hours of administrative or supervisory education   |
| Must be supervised by | OCPS or OCPC, MD/DO, LPC, RN, CNP, LISW, MFT, LSC, CHES   | OCPS or OCPC, MD/DO, LPC, RN, CNP, LISW, MFT, LSC, CHES   | OCPS or OCPC, RN, CNP, LISW, CHES   | Does not have to be supervised by anyone  |
| ICRC exam             | N/A   | N/A   | Successful passing of ICRC exam   | Successful passing of ICRC exam   |
| Scope of Practice     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information Dissemination</li> <li>• Prevention Education</li> <li>• Alternatives</li> <li>• Problem Identification and Referral</li> <li>• Community Based Processes</li> <li>• Environmental Strategies</li> <li>• Planning and Evaluation</li> <li>• Education and Service Delivery</li> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Community Organization</li> <li>• Public Policy and Environmental Change</li> <li>• Professional Growth and Responsibility</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information Dissemination</li> <li>• Prevention Education</li> <li>• Alternatives</li> <li>• Problem Identification and Referral</li> <li>• Community Based Processes</li> <li>• Environmental Strategies</li> <li>• Planning and Evaluation</li> <li>• Education and Service Delivery</li> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Community Organization</li> <li>• Public Policy and Environmental Change</li> <li>• Professional Growth and Responsibility</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information Dissemination</li> <li>• Prevention Education</li> <li>• Alternatives</li> <li>• Problem Identification and Referral</li> <li>• Community Based Processes</li> <li>• Environmental Strategies</li> <li>• Education and Service Delivery</li> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Public Policy and Environmental Change</li> <li>• Professional Growth and Responsibility</li> <li>• Manage Prevention Programs (Only under supervision)</li> <li>• Supervise Volunteers and Prevention Professionals including Registered Applicants (RA), Ohio Certified Prevention Specialists Assistants (OCPSA), and Ohio Certified Prevention Specialists (OCPC)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information Dissemination</li> <li>• Prevention Education</li> <li>• Alternatives</li> <li>• Problem Identification and Referral</li> <li>• Community Based Processes</li> <li>• Environmental Strategies</li> <li>• Planning and Evaluation</li> <li>• Education and Service Delivery</li> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Community Organization</li> <li>• Public Policy and Environmental Change</li> <li>• Professional Growth and Responsibility</li> <li>• Manage Prevention Programs</li> <li>• Supervise Prevention Professionals</li> <li>• Conduct Consultation</li> <li>• Can practice independently</li> </ul> |

