




ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE


The following is an overview of the state of adolescent sexual health promotion efforts in Florida in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 including sexuality education state laws and policy, sexual health data, and federal funding.

STATE LEVEL SEXUALITY EDUCATION LAW AND POLICY OVERVIEW

[Florida Statute 1003.42](#) states that public schools must teach comprehensive health education that includes giving students “an awareness of the benefits of sexual abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of teenage pregnancy.” Effective for the 2007–2008 school year, students entering high school were no longer required to receive health education. An optional course titled “Health Opportunities through Physical Education (HOPE) includes fitness and health concepts as well as instruction on disease prevention, including HIV/AIDS and other STDs. State policy still reads that “course descriptions for comprehensive health education shall not interfere with the local determination of appropriate curriculum which reflects local values and concerns.” School boards may decide to allow additional instruction regarding HIV/AIDS. Such instruction may include information about “means used to control the spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome.” Florida standards, titled *Sunshine State Standards for Health and Physical Fitness*, do not mention instruction in HIV/AIDS, STDs, or sexuality education. See [Florida Statute, Title XLVIII, Chapter 1003, Section 42, 43, and 46](#).


REPORTED SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN FLORIDA


 Among Florida high school students in 2011, 44% of females and 52% of males reported **ever having had sexual intercourse, higher for males than the reported national average** of 46% of females and 49% of males.

 Among Florida high school students in 2011, 32% of females and 36% of males reported being currently sexually active (having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior), **higher than the reported national average** of 34% of females and 33% of males.

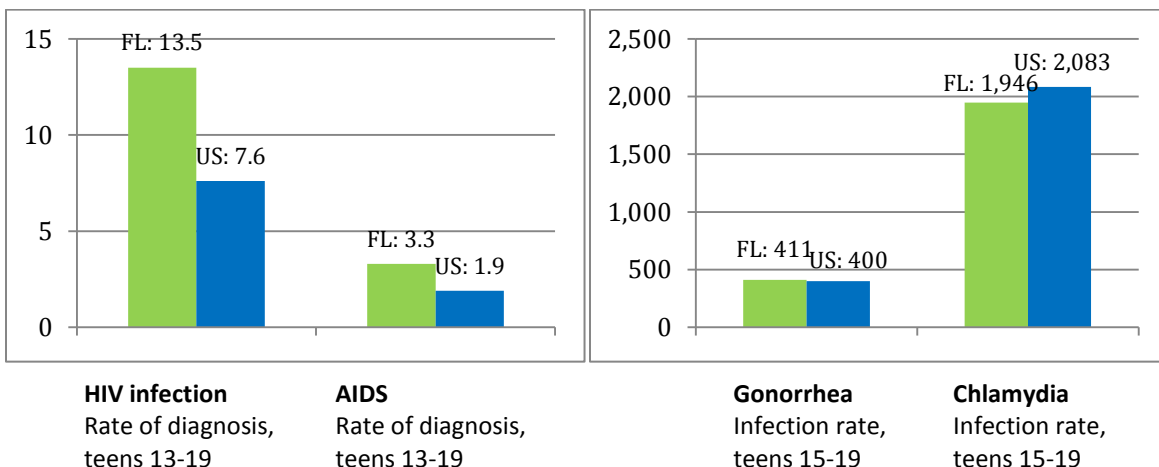
FLORIDA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES

 Florida’s teen **pregnancy rate is higher than the national average**, with 73 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

 Florida’s teen **birth rate is lower than the national average**, with 30 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.

 Florida’s teen **abortion rate is higher than the national average**, with 22 teens per 1,000 having an abortion compared to 18 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

FLORIDA’S YOUNG PEOPLE: HIV/AIDS & OTHER STD RATES IN 2011 (PER 100,000)

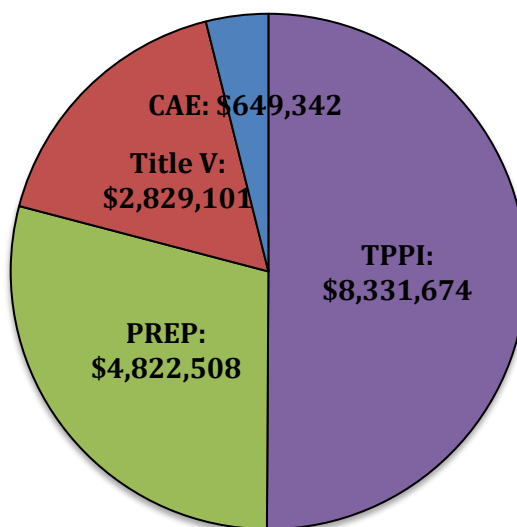


FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN FLORIDA: TOTAL \$16,632,625

Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$2,829,101

Florida has chosen to implement abstinence-only-until-marriage (AOUM) programs through Title V, matching every \$4 federal dollars with \$3 state dollars or in-kind contributions.

The Florida Department of Health administers the state’s Title V AOUM funds in collaboration with the 19 sub-grantees—county health departments and community- and faith-based organizations. The sub-grantees contribute to the match through a combination of direct revenue and in-kind services.



Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$8,331,674

Funds for local entities to implement evidence-based programs (Tier 1) or innovative strategies (Tier 2) to prevent teen pregnancy.

There are six Tier 1 grantees in Florida: Florida Department of Health; JWB Children’s Services Council of Pinellas County; OIC of Broward County; Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando, Inc.; Switchboard of Miami; and Trinity Church, Inc. There is one Tier 2 grantee, Live the Life Ministries, Inc., providing faith-based programming and marriage education to young people of the Florida Big Bend region.

Competitive Abstinence Education (CAE) Grants \$649,342

Funds for community- and faith-based organizations to implement abstinence-only-until-marriage programs.

Abstinence Between Strong Teens International, Inc. (A.B.S.T.I.) is the CAE grantee in Miami, Florida.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$4,822,508

Funds for states (PREP), local entities (PREIS), community/faith-based organizations (CPREP), and tribes (TPREP) to implement evidence-informed or innovative teen pregnancy- and HIV/STD-prevention, and adulthood preparation programs for young people.

Ten local entities in Florida utilize CPREP funds: OIC of Broward County; South Broward Hospital District; Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition; Womankind, Inc.; Family and Children of Faith Coalition; School Board of Orange County; Family Resources, Inc.; Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida; Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast; and Unity Family Community Center.

For further background on the federal programs, information on the grantees and the programs they are implementing, as well as citations, please see the FY 2012 Florida State Profile available at

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