



## 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) 2013, 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 BEHAVIORS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN FLORIDA

 Among Florida high school students in 2013, 40% of females and 49% of males **reported ever having had sexual intercourse**, higher for males than the reported national average of 46% of females and 48% of males.

 Among Florida high school students in 2013, 29% of females and 33% of **males reported being currently sexually active** (having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior), lower for females and similar for males to the reported national average of 35% of females and 33% of males.

 Among Florida high school students in 2013, 11% of females and 9% of males **reported experiencing physical dating violence one or more times** during the 12 months before the survey, higher for males than the reported national average of 13% of females and 7% of males.

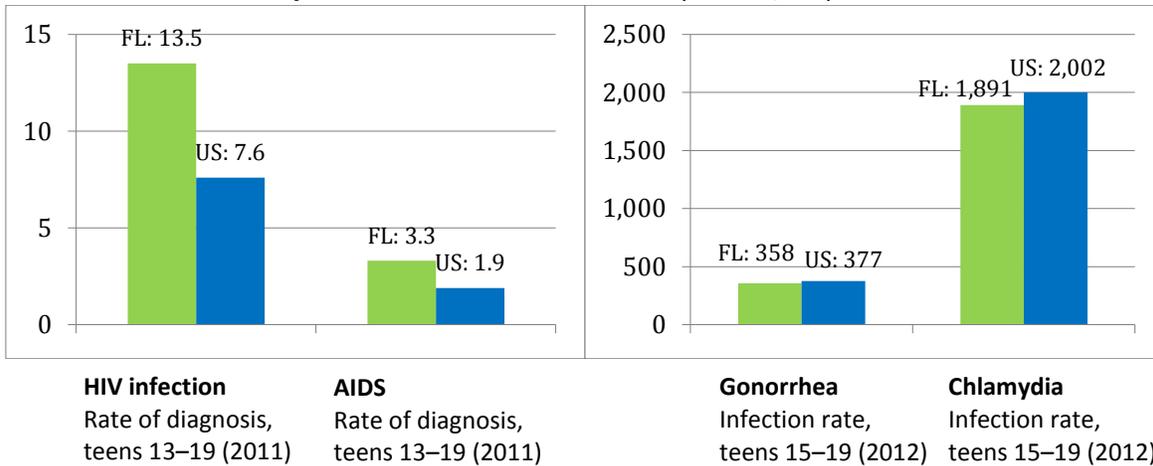
### FLORIDA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH, AND ABORTION RATES

 In 2010, Florida’s **teen pregnancy rate was higher than the national average**, with 60 pregnancies per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 57 per 1,000 nationwide.

 In 2012, Florida’s **teen birth rate was lower than the national average**, with 28 births per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 29 per 1,000 nationwide.

 In 2010, Florida’s **teen abortion rate was higher than the national average**, with 19 abortions per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 15 per 1,000 nationwide.

**FLORIDA'S YOUNG PEOPLE: HIV/AIDS AND OTHER STD RATES (PER 100,000)**

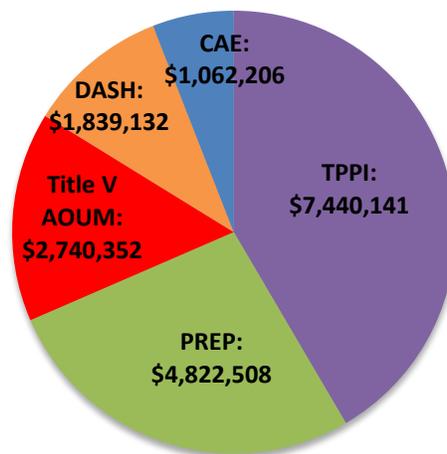


**FY 2013 FEDERAL FUNDING IN FLORIDA: TOTAL \$17,904,339**

**Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$2,740,352**

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) \$7,440,141**

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 \$1,062,206**

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

Abstinence Between Strong Teens International, Inc. and Unity Family Community Center are the two CAE grantees in 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: Family and Children of Faith Coalition; Family Resources, Inc.; Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition; OIC of Broward County; Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast; Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida; School Board of Orange County; South Broward Hospital District; Unity Family Community Center; and Womankind, Inc.

**Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) \$1,839,132**

Funds state and local education agencies to help districts implement exemplary sexual health education (ESHE), increase access to key sexual health services (SHS), and establish safe and supportive environments (SSE) for students and staff; funds HIV/STD- prevention efforts for young men who have sex with men (YMSM); supports state education and health agencies' surveillance efforts.

Five grantees in Florida receive ESHE, SHS, and SSE DASH funding and funds to collect and report the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance and the School Health Profiles: Duval County Public Schools, Florida Department of Education, School Board of Broward County, School Board of Miami-Dade County, School Board of Palm Beach County. The School Board of Broward County is also funded to deliver YMSM programming. In addition, the School Board of Orange County also receives funds to collect and report the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance and the School Health Profiles.

For further background on the federal programs, information on the grantees and the programs they are implementing, as well as citations, see the FY 2013 Florida State Profile at [siecus.org/Florida2013](http://siecus.org/Florida2013).