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### Florida Sexuality Education Law and Policy

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.”<sup>1</sup> Previous Florida law required students to complete one-half credit in “Life Management Skills” in order to graduate high school. These courses were required to include instruction on the prevention of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), family life, the benefits of sexual abstinence, and the consequences of teen pregnancy.

Effective for the 2007–2008 school year, students entering high school were no longer required to receive health education as a graduation requirement. School districts now have the option of requiring students to take one-half credit in Physical Education and one-half credit in Personal Fitness, or to complete a one credit course titled, “Health Opportunities through Physical Education” (HOPE), which integrates personal fitness and life management skills. The content of the course 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.”<sup>2</sup>

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.”<sup>3</sup>

All instruction and course material must:<sup>4</sup>

- teach abstinence from sexual activity outside of marriage as the expected standard for all school-age students while teaching the benefits of monogamous heterosexual marriage;
- emphasize that abstinence from sexual activity is a certain way to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, including acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), and other associated health problems;
- teach that each student has the power to control personal behavior and encourage students to base actions on reasoning, self-esteem, and respect for others; and
- provide instruction and material that is appropriate for the grade and age of the student.

Florida standards, titled *Sunshine State Standards for Health and Physical Fitness*, do not mention instruction in HIV/AIDS, STDs, or sexuality education.

As with the previously required course, parents may submit a written request to the school principal to exempt their child from HIV/AIDS instruction within HOPE or any other sexuality education and/or STD/HIV education classes. This is referred to as an “opt-out” policy.

See Florida Statute, Title XLVIII, Chapter 1003, Section 42, 43, and 46.

## Recent Legislation

### *Florida Healthy Teens Act Introduced*

House Bill 169, also known as the *Healthy Teens Act*, was introduced in January 2010. It recognizes that, to be competitive for federal funding, the state must invest in effective models for pregnancy and disease prevention. The bill would require any school that receives state funding and offers sex education programs to provide comprehensive, medically accurate, and age-appropriate information. The bill was referred to several committees, including the House Committee on Pre-K – 12 Policy.

## Florida's Youth: Statistical Information of Note<sup>5</sup>

- In 2009, 48% of female high school students and 53% of male high school students in Florida reported ever having had sexual intercourse compared to 46% of female high school students and 46% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, 4% of female high school students and 12% of male high school students in Florida reported having had sexual intercourse before age 13 compared to 3% of female high school students and 8% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, 11% of female high school students and 21% of male high school students in Florida reported having had four or more lifetime sexual partners compared to 11% of female high school students and 16% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, 37% of female high school students and 37% of male high school students in Florida reported being currently sexually active (defined as having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior to the survey) compared to 36% of female high school students and 33% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 60% of females and 70% of males in Florida reported having used condoms the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 54% of females and 69% of males nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 20% of females and 13% of males in Florida reported having used birth control pills the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 23% of females and 16% of males nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 15% of females and 24% of males in Florida reported having used alcohol or drugs the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 17% of females and 26% of males nationwide.
- In 2009, 88% of high school students in Florida reported having been taught about AIDS/HIV in school compared to 87% of high school students nationwide.

### *Broward County, Florida*

- In 2009, 47% of female high school students and 58% of male high school students in Broward County, Florida reported ever having had sexual intercourse compared to 46% of female high school students and 46% of male high school students nationwide.

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- In 2009, 5% of female high school students and 14% of male high school students in Broward County, Florida reported having had sexual intercourse before age 13 compared to 3% of female high school students and 8% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, 15% of female high school students and 26% of male high school students in Broward County, Florida reported having had four or more lifetime sexual partners compared to 11% of female high school students and 16% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, 37% of female high school students and 40% of male high school students in Broward County, Florida reported being currently sexually active (defined as having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior to the survey) compared to 36% of female high school students and 33% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 67% of females and 74% of males in Broward County, Florida reported having used condoms the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 54% of females and 69% of males nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 13% of females and 7% of males in Broward County, Florida reported having used birth control pills the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 23% of females and 16% of males nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 22% of females and 25% of males in Broward County, Florida reported having used alcohol or drugs the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 17% of females and 26% of males nationwide.
- In 2009, 87% of high school students in Broward County, Florida reported having been taught about AIDS/HIV in school compared to 87% of high school students nationwide.

### *Duval County, Florida*

- In 2009, 51% of female high school students and 58% of male high school students in Duval County, Florida reported ever having had sexual intercourse compared to 46% of female high school students and 46% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, 5% of female high school students and 16% of male high school students in Duval County, Florida reported having had sexual intercourse before age 13 compared to 3% of female high school students and 8% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, 13% of female high school students and 23% of male high school students in Duval County, Florida reported having had four or more lifetime sexual partners compared to 11% of female high school students and 16% of male high school students nationwide.

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- In 2009, 38% of female high school students and 37% of male high school students in Duval County, Florida reported being currently sexually active (defined as having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior to the survey) compared to 36% of female high school students and 33% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 52% of females and 66% of males in Duval County, Florida reported having used condoms the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 54% of females and 69% of males nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 21% of females and 10% of males in Duval County, Florida reported having used birth control pills the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 23% of females and 16% of males nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 17% of females and 27% of males in Duval County, Florida reported having used alcohol or drugs the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 17% of females and 26% of males nationwide.
- In 2009, 84% of high school students in Duval County, Florida reported having been taught about AIDS/HIV in school compared to 87% of high school students nationwide.

### *Miami-Dade County, Florida*

- In 2009, 47% of female high school students and 60% of male high school students in Miami-Dade County, Florida reported ever having had sexual intercourse compared to 46% of female high school students and 46% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, 5% of female high school students and 15% of male high school students in Miami-Dade County, Florida reported having had sexual intercourse before age 13 compared to 3% of female high school students and 8% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, 10% of female high school students and 25% of male high school students in Miami-Dade County, Florida reported having had four or more lifetime sexual partners compared to 11% of female high school students and 16% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, 36% of female high school students and 40% of male high school students in Miami-Dade County, Florida reported being currently sexually active (defined as having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior to the survey) compared to 36% of female high school students and 33% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 56% of females and 72% of males in Miami-Dade County, Florida reported having used condoms the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 54% of females and 69% of males nationwide.

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- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 13% of females and 5% of males in Miami-Dade County, Florida reported having used birth control pills the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 23% of females and 16% of males nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 11% of females and 26% of males in Miami-Dade County, Florida reported having used alcohol or drugs the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 17% of females and 26% of males nationwide.
- In 2009, 85% of high school students in Miami-Dade County, Florida reported having been taught about AIDS/HIV in school compared to 87% of high school students nationwide.

### *Orange County, Florida*

- In 2009, 44% of female high school students and 59% of male high school students in Orange County, Florida reported ever having had sexual intercourse compared to 46% of female high school students and 46% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, 3% of female high school students and 11% of male high school students in Orange County, Florida reported having had sexual intercourse before age 13 compared to 3% of female high school students and 8% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, 12% of female high school students and 23% of male high school students in Orange County, Florida reported having had four or more lifetime sexual partners compared to 11% of female high school students and 16% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, 32% of female high school students and 40% of male high school students in Orange County, Florida reported being currently sexually active (defined as having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior to the survey) compared to 36% of female high school students and 33% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 61% of females and 72% of males in Orange County, Florida reported having used condoms the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 54% of females and 69% of males nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 12% of females and 8% of males in Orange County, Florida reported having used birth control pills the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 23% of females and 16% of males nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 17% of females and 26% of males in Orange County, Florida reported having used alcohol or drugs the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 17% of females and 26% of males nationwide.

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- In 2009, 87% of high school students in Orange County, Florida reported having been taught about AIDS/HIV in school compared to 87% of high school students nationwide.

### *Palm Beach County, Florida*

- In 2009, 51% of female high school students and 58% of male high school students in Palm Beach County, Florida reported ever having had sexual intercourse compared to 46% of female high school students and 46% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, 3% of female high school students and 13% of male high school students in Palm Beach County, Florida reported having had sexual intercourse before age 13 compared to 3% of female high school students and 8% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, 14% of female high school students and 23% of male high school students in Palm Beach County, Florida reported having had four or more lifetime sexual partners compared to 11% of female high school students and 16% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, 38% of female high school students and 38% of male high school students in Palm Beach County, Florida reported being currently sexually active (defined as having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior to the survey) compared to 36% of female high school students and 33% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 64% of females and 73% of males in Palm Beach County, Florida reported having used condoms the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 54% of females and 69% of males nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 18% of females and 14% of males in Palm Beach County, Florida reported having used birth control pills the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 23% of females and 16% of males nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 17% of females and 25% of males in Palm Beach County, Florida reported having used alcohol or drugs the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 17% of females and 26% of males nationwide.
- In 2009, 86% of high school students in Palm Beach County, Florida reported having been taught about AIDS/HIV in school compared to 87% of high school students nationwide.

### **Florida Youth Sexual Health Statistics**

#### *Teen Pregnancy, Birth, and Abortion*

- Florida's teen pregnancy rate ranks 12<sup>th</sup> in the U.S., with a rate of 77 pregnancies per 1,000 young women ages 15–19 compared to the national rate of 70 pregnancies per 1,000.<sup>6</sup> There were a total of 44,040 pregnancies among young women ages 15–19 reported in 2005, the most recent year for which data are available, in Florida.<sup>7</sup>

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- Florida's teen birth rate ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> in the U.S. in 2005, with a rate of 42.4 births per 1,000 young women ages 15–19 compared to the national rate of 40.5 births per 1,000.<sup>8</sup> In 2005, there were a total of 24,130 live births reported to young women ages 15–19 in Florida.<sup>9</sup>
- In 2006, the U.S. teen birth rate increased for the first time in 15 years by 3% from 40.5 to 41.9 births per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, after having steadily declined between 1991 and 2005.<sup>10</sup> In contrast, Florida's teen birth rate increased 7% between 2005 and 2006, from 42.4 to 45.2 births per 1,000 young women ages 15–19.<sup>11</sup>
- Florida's teen abortion rate ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U.S., with a rate of 27 abortions per 1,000 young women ages 15–19 compared to the national rate of 19 abortions per 1,000.<sup>12</sup>

### *HIV and AIDS*

- Florida ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in cases of HIV infection diagnosed in the U.S. among all age groups. In 2007, there were a total of 3,982 new cases of HIV infection diagnosed in Florida.<sup>13</sup>
- Florida ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in cases of HIV/AIDS diagnosed among young people ages 13–19 out of the 34 states with confidential, name-based HIV infection reporting. In 2007, there were a total of 248 young people ages 13–19 diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in Florida.<sup>14</sup>
- Florida's AIDS rate ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in the U.S., with a rate of 21.7 cases per 100,000 population compared to the national rate of 12.5 cases per 100,000.<sup>15</sup>
- Florida ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in number of reported AIDS cases in the U.S. among all age groups. In 2007, there were a total of 3,961 new AIDS cases reported in Florida.<sup>16</sup>
- Florida ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in number of reported AIDS cases in the U.S. among young people ages 13–19. In 2007, there were a total of 55 AIDS cases reported among young people ages 13–19 in Florida.<sup>17</sup>

### *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*

- Florida ranks 19<sup>th</sup> in reported cases of Chlamydia among young people ages 15–19 in the U.S., with an infection rate of 20.63 cases per 1,000 compared to the national rate of 19.51 cases per 1,000. In 2008, there were a total of 24,012 cases of Chlamydia reported among young people ages 15–19 in Florida.<sup>18</sup>
- Florida ranks 14<sup>th</sup> in reported cases of gonorrhea among young people ages 15–19 in the U.S., with an infection rate of 5.82 cases per 1,000 compared to the national rate of 4.52 cases per 1,000. In 2008, there were a total of 6,775 cases of gonorrhea reported among young people ages 15–19 in Florida.<sup>19</sup>
- Florida ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in reported cases of primary and secondary syphilis among young people ages 15–19 in the U.S., with an infection rate of 0.07 cases per 1,000 compared to the national rate of 0.04 cases per 1,000. In 2008, there were a total of 81 cases of syphilis reported among young people ages 15–19 in Florida.<sup>20</sup>

## **Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Education**

*SIECUS has identified some examples of model programs, policies, and best practices being implemented in Florida public schools that provide more comprehensive sex education to young people.*<sup>21</sup>

### *Revised School District Policy*

#### School Districts Revise Their Sex Education Policies

A growing number of Florida school districts are revising their health education policies to eliminate requirements that instruction teach abstinence- until-marriage and implement more comprehensive sex education programs, which include information on sexual health practices and the prevention of STDs, HIV, and unintended pregnancy along with information on condoms and contraception, among other topics. Since 2007, at least six school districts have adopted more comprehensive sex education policies, including Brevard, Broward, Collier, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, and Volusia county school districts.

In 2007, the St. Lucie County School Board voted four–one to incorporate *Get Real About AIDS*, an evidence-based program, into the health education curriculum of all district middle and high schools.<sup>22</sup> The board’s vote revised the district’s previous abstinence-only policy. (See the section below on *Comprehensive Sex Education in Public Schools* for more information on the sex education program in St. Lucie.)

The Collier County School Board voted on November 19, 2009 to require that human sexuality instruction provided in district schools include information on sexual and reproductive health that is comprehensive, evidence based, medically accurate, age appropriate, and that teaches students about contraception and condoms in addition to abstinence. The Board voted three–two to implement the new policy.<sup>23</sup>

### *Comprehensive Sex Education Programs in Public Schools*

#### Broward County Public Schools

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS), receive funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Division of Adolescent and School Health (CDC-DASH) to provide HIV-prevention education as an aspect of the district’s school health program. The school district is one of four local agencies, also including Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Orange County Public Schools, and the School District of Palm Beach County, that receives DASH funding in part to advance HIV-prevention education in schools. With a portion of its funding, BCPS provides HIV/AIDS- and STD- prevention education training to school staff. The funding also supports work to enhance HIV curricula used in district schools and school district policies and procedures that govern HIV-prevention education administered to students.<sup>24</sup>

In order to provide HIV-prevention education training to school staff, BCPS developed a multi-media training strategy in 2006 that incorporated the use of online training, television broadcasts, training updates distributed on CD-ROM, and the district’s internal electronic network. The strategy includes a five-week online course for teachers that addresses “data, policies, procedures, curriculum, prevention strategies, testing techniques, and related facts” regarding HIV and HIV-prevention education. A total of 635 school staff received training. Teachers can now also access model lesson plans among other resources through the district’s internal electronic network.<sup>25</sup>

#### Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Miami-Dade County school district, which is a CDC-DASH-funded, local agency, uses a portion of its funds to “strengthen HIV prevention education in grades K–12.” To this end, the school district has worked to integrate HIV, STD, and unintended pregnancy prevention education into health education and other core subject areas in grades K–12. The district’s HIV/AIDS Education Program is responsible for disseminating the district’s HIV/AIDS curriculum to schools. The program also collaborates with



other school district staff, the local health agency, local universities, community-based organizations, parents, and students to evaluate the HIV-, STD-, and unintended- pregnancy prevention activities administered in schools.<sup>26</sup>

### Orange County Public Schools

Through its cooperative agreement with CDC-DASH, Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) has developed an HIV/AIDS Prevention Program which aims to increase awareness among students in grades six through 12 of how to prevent HIV infection. The program also provides professional development training to teachers and school staff that discusses model HIV curricula, as well as the district's HIV policy and guidelines for human sexuality education.<sup>27</sup> To address the needs of sexual minority students, OCPS has conducted focus groups with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) high school students to inform future programming.<sup>28</sup>

### The School District of Palm Beach County

Among the program goals for its HIV/AIDS Prevention Program, the School District of Palm Beach County aims to “increase the number of youth in grades K–12 who receive HIV/AIDS prevention education.” To this end, the school district has worked to develop “age appropriate HIV/AIDS prevention education curricula and activities for students.” The district also designs and implements skills-based professional development trainings on HIV-prevention strategies for district administrators, educators, staff, and community partners.<sup>29</sup>

### Pinellas County Schools

Beginning in 1980, the Pinellas County school district developed a Family Life Education Council which was tasked with creating a comprehensive family life education curriculum for middle school. The curriculum was first piloted in schools in 1982 and included instruction on sex education, anatomy, “venereal disease,” and birth control. Parents had to provide permission for their child to receive the sex education component of the curriculum. Along with class instruction for students, the district provided parent education programs during the evenings. In addition, all teachers administering the curriculum were required to receive 30 hours of staff development to teach sex education.

In 1984, the Family Life Education Council was replaced by the Family Life Education Committee, whose role it was to approve outside presenters, train speakers, and review supplemental audio-visual materials for instruction. The committee still exists today and carries out the speaker approval process for the district. Pinellas County teachers are still required to complete 30 hours of Family Life Education Training administered by the school district in order to teach such instruction.<sup>30</sup>

In Pinellas County schools, students receive age-appropriate human sexuality education beginning in fifth grade as an aspect of human growth and development instruction. In middle school, grades six through eight, and high school, grades nine through 12, such instruction is provided in health class. The district uses a combination of locally developed lessons and supplemental instructional materials, including videos, booklets, and approved outside speakers, to provide the information. In fifth grade, human growth and development education addresses topics related to human sexuality, including the “male and female reproductive systems,” “bodily changes that occur during puberty,” and “AIDS awareness.” Middle school human sexuality education in sixth grade includes, among other topics, a discussion of the “emotional, social, and physical changes occurring during adolescence,” male and female reproductive systems, the stages of pregnancy and fetal development, the “causes, transmission, and prevention of AIDS,” and “the benefits of sexual abstinence.” Eighth grade instruction covers definitions of masculinity and femininity, “respectful sexual behavior,” “sexual abstinence,” “consequences of teenage pregnancy,” and “sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS.” Instruction also includes a one-day lesson on “the effectiveness of condoms to reduce the risk of some STDs.”

Parents must provide permission for their child to participate in this lesson. In high school, human sexuality instruction addresses “social dating behavior,” “sexual attitude awareness,” “decisions regarding sexuality,” “the benefits of sexual abstinence for unmarried teens,” and contraception, among other topics.<sup>31</sup>

#### St. Lucie County School District

In 2005, spurred by the high rate of teen birth and HIV/AIDS incidence in St. Lucie County, concerned community members and stakeholders partnered to improve the sex education provided in district schools.<sup>32</sup> Members of the community along with middle and high school principals of St. Lucie public schools formed the HIV/AIDS Curriculum Task Force, which was tasked with recommending a sex education curriculum that was “scientifically proven to be effective in changing sexual behavior.” for inclusion in the district’s health courses.<sup>33</sup>

The taskforce reviewed six potential curricula that all fell under the criterion of programs identified by the CDC as effective and were listed on the Florida Board of Education’s recommended curriculum list. After review, the taskforce selected two curricula for recommendation, which were then evaluated by health educators from each of the district’s high schools. These educators unanimously selected *Get Real About AIDS* and made the recommendation to the district School Board for its implementation. *Get Real About AIDS* is a skills-based, HIV risk reduction curriculum designed for students in grades nine–12. An evaluation of the program found that it increased knowledge of HIV and HIV prevention, reduced the number of sexual partners, and increased condom use among participants.<sup>34</sup>

Beginning in the 2008–2009 school year, age-appropriate components of the curriculum were incorporated into class instruction for grades four through 12.<sup>35</sup> Different lessons are incorporated into different class subject areas, including health, language arts, physical education, and science.<sup>36</sup> The majority of the lessons are taught in middle school and high school where they are part of health education classes. District teachers are trained to administer the lessons and may seek assistance from district nurses or nurses employed by the county health department.

In high school, the curriculum includes a DVD on proper condom use developed in partnership with the county health department. The video features a demonstration conducted and narrated by local physicians that presents the information in a “scientific, data-based, and non-emotional” manner.<sup>37</sup> Text books and supplemental curricula materials are funded through district funds for education supplies.

In April 2010, St. Lucie County school district began an evaluation of the *Get Real About AIDS* curriculum implemented in district schools. A five-member curriculum evaluation committee, including a university researcher, an epidemiologist from the county health department, an assessment specialist and educator from the St. Lucie County school district, and an administrator from the Osceola County school district, developed the evaluation at the request and approval of the St. Lucie County School Board. The survey will assess students’ knowledge, attitudes, and behavior regarding HIV/AIDS. Approximately 2,000 eighth and tenth graders from St. Lucie County will participate in the evaluation and approximately 1,000 eighth and tenth graders from Osceola County school district will serve as a control group.<sup>38</sup>

#### Volusia County Public Schools

In April 2009, the Volusia County School Board voted to adopt a new “abstinence-plus” curriculum to be administered to students beginning in the eighth grade. It maintains the emphasis on abstinence as the most effective means of preventing pregnancy and STDs, but also includes information about reliable methods of birth control and disease prevention.<sup>39</sup>

*We encourage you to submit any updated or additional information on comprehensive approaches to sex education being implemented in Florida public schools for inclusion in future publications of the SIECUS State Profiles. Please visit SIECUS’ “Contact Us” webpage at [www.siecus.org](http://www.siecus.org) to share information. Select “state policy” as the subject heading.*

### **Federal Funding for Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Programs**

The Department of Health and community-based organizations in Florida received \$8,960,656 in federal funds for abstinence-only-until-marriage programs in Fiscal Year 2009.<sup>40</sup>

#### *Title V Abstinence-Only-Until Marriage Funding*

- Florida received \$1,891,185 in federal Title V abstinence-only-until-marriage funding in Fiscal Year 2009. Due to the expiration of the grant program on June 30, 2009, three months prior to the end of the federal fiscal year, the state received three quarters of the total funding allocated for the full fiscal year.
- The Florida Department of Health distributes federal Title V abstinence-only-until-marriage funds to 24 sub-grantees, including 14 community-based organizations, six faith-based organizations, and four county health departments.
- The Department of Health also uses a portion of the federal funds to support community outreach events and a statewide media campaign, “It’s Great to Wait,” that includes bilingual television and radio broadcasts, and a website targeting teens, specifically Latino teens, and parents.
- The Title V abstinence-only-until marriage grant required states to provide three state-raised dollars or the equivalent in services for every four federal dollars received. The state match could have been provided in part or in full by local groups.
- In Florida, sub-grantees contributed to the match through a combination of direct revenue and in-kind services.

#### *Community-Based Abstinence Education (CBAE) Funding*

- Organizations in Florida received \$6,769,471 in CBAE funding for Fiscal Year 2009.
- There are 12 CBAE grantees in Florida, including five faith-based organizations, four community-based organizations, and three crisis pregnancy centers.

#### *Adolescent Family Life Act (AFLA) Funding*

- There is one AFLA grantee in Florida, Switchboard of Miami, which received \$300,000 in AFLA funding for Fiscal Year 2009.

### **Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Curricula Used by Grantees**

*Some abstinence-only-until-marriage grantees in Florida use commercially available curricula. These include, but are not limited to:*

- *A.C. Green’s Game Plan*
- *ASPIRE: Live your life. Be free.*
- *Choosing the Best*
- *Navigator*
- *Responsible Social Values (RSVP)*

*To read reviews of abstinence-only-until-marriage curricula commonly used by federal grantees please visit the “Curricula and Speaker Reviews” webpage of SIECUS’ Community Action Kit at [www.communityactionkit.org](http://www.communityactionkit.org).*

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**Federal Funding for Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Programs in FY 2009<sup>41</sup>**

Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Grantee	Title V	CBAE (Length of Grant)	AFLA (Length of Grant)
Florida Department of Health <a href="http://www.greattowait.com">www.greattowait.com</a>	\$1,891,185 (federal grant)		
Bay County Health Department	\$120,000 (sub-grant)		
Bridging the Gap Outreach, Inc.	\$60,000 (sub-grant)		
Calhoun County Health Department	\$60,000 (sub-grant)		
Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Inc.	\$120,000 (sub-grant)	\$600,000 (2008–2013)	
Christian Care Center, Inc. <a href="http://www.christiancarecenter.org">www.christiancarecenter.org</a>		\$423,166 (2006–2011)	
Communities in Schools of Okeechobee	\$60,000 (sub-grant)		
Daytona Beach Community Development Corporation of Florida	\$120,000 (sub-grant)		
Faith Temple Christian Center, Inc.	\$120,000 (sub-grant)		

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<b>Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Grantee</b>	<b>Title V</b>	<b>CBAE (Length of Grant)</b>	<b>AFLA (Length of Grant)</b>
Family & Children Faith Care  <a href="http://www.fcfcl.org">www.fcfcl.org</a> <a href="http://www.uturnmiami.org">www.uturnmiami.org</a>		\$586,307  (2007–2012)	
First Care Family Resources, Inc.		\$600,000  (2008–2013)	
Gee Resolutions	\$120,000  (sub-grant)		
Heartland Rural Health Network	\$120,000  (sub-grant)	\$497,830  (2008–2013)	
Investing in Our Youth	\$120,000  (sub-grant)		
Innovative Partners Coalition, Inc.	\$60,000  (sub-grant)		
A Leap of Faith Global Ministries	\$60,000  (sub-grant)		
Live the Life Ministries, Inc.  <a href="http://www.livethelife.org">www.livethelife.org</a>	\$120,000  (sub-grant)	\$599,870  (2008–2013)	
Marion County Health Department	\$120,000  (sub-grant)		
The Minority Alliance for Advocating Community Awareness	\$120,000  (sub-grant)		

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<b>Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Grantee</b>	<b>Title V</b>	<b>CBAE (Length of Grant)</b>	<b>AFLA (Length of Grant)</b>
North Central Florida Center for Community Enrichment, Inc.	\$120,000 (sub-grant)		
On the Move Community Outreach, Inc.	\$120,000 (sub-grant)		
Orlando Baptist Church, Inc.	\$120,000 (sub-grant)		
Pinellas Crisis Pregnancy Center (United Students for Abstinence) <a href="http://www.pregctr.net">www.pregctr.net</a>		\$600,000 (2006–2011)	
Pregnancy Care Center of Plant City, Inc. <a href="http://www.plantcitypregnancycenter.org">www.plantcitypregnancycenter.org</a>		\$599,879 (2007–2012)	
Project S.O.S., Inc. <a href="http://www.projectsos.com">www.projectsos.com</a>	\$120,000 (sub-grant)	\$599,619 (2006–2011)	
Rapture Community Center, Inc.	\$60,000 (sub-grant)		
Redeeming Light Community Services	\$60,000 (sub-grant)		
Switchboard of Miami <a href="http://www.switchboardmiami.org">www.switchboardmiami.org</a>		\$463,000 (2006–2011)	\$300,000 (2004–2009)

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Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Grantee	Title V	CBAE (Length of Grant)	AFLA (Length of Grant)
Trinity Church, Inc. <a href="http://www.trinitychurch.tv">www.trinitychurch.tv</a>		\$599,800 (2007–2012)	
Unity Family Community Center	\$60,000 (sub-grant)		
Washington County Health Department	\$120,000 (sub-grant)		
A Woman’s Place Ministries, Inc. <a href="http://www.awpm.net">www.awpm.net</a>		\$600,000 (2008–2013)	
Youth in Action, Inc.	\$60,000 (sub-grant)		

**Adolescent Health Contact<sup>42</sup>**

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 Florida Department of Health  
 Family Health Services  
 4025 Esplande Way 105A  
 Tallahassee, FL 32399  
 Phone: (850) 245-4466

**Florida Organizations that Support Comprehensive Sexuality Education**

ACLU of Florida  
 4500 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 340  
 Miami, FL 33137  
 Phone: (786) 363-2700  
[www.aclufl.org](http://www.aclufl.org)

Florida Association of Planned Parenthood  
 Affiliates  
 6623 Gateway Avenue, Unit A  
 Sarasota, FL 34231  
 Phone: (941) 923-5500  
[www.floridaplannedparenthood.org](http://www.floridaplannedparenthood.org)

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Florida NOW  
6825 N.W. 43 Place  
Gainesville, FL 32606  
Phone: 1-800-299-1710  
[www.flnow.org](http://www.flnow.org)

The Healthy Teens Campaign  
6623 Gateway Avenue, Unit A  
Sarasota, FL 34231  
Phone: (941) 923-4555  
[www.healthyteensflorida.org](http://www.healthyteensflorida.org)

National Council of Jewish Women  
Palm Beach Section  
[www.ncjwpalmbeach.org](http://www.ncjwpalmbeach.org)

National Women's Political Caucus  
of Florida  
161 S.E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Pompano Beach, FL 33060  
Phone: (954) 946-3265  
[www.withoutboundaries.com](http://www.withoutboundaries.com)

**Florida Organizations that Oppose Comprehensive Sexuality Education**

Family First  
609 West De Leon Street  
Tampa, FL 33606  
Phone: (813) 222-8300  
[www.familyfirst.net](http://www.familyfirst.net)

Florida Right To Life  
378 Center Pointe Circle, Suite 1250  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701  
Phone: (407) 834-LIFE  
[www.frtl.org](http://www.frtl.org)

**Newspapers in Florida**<sup>43</sup>

*El Nuevo Herald*  
Newsroom  
1 Herald Plaza  
Miami, FL 33132  
Phone: (305) 376-2183  
[www.elnuevoherald.com](http://www.elnuevoherald.com)

*The Florida Times-Union*  
Newsroom  
P.O. Box 1949  
Jacksonville, FL 32231  
Phone: (904) 359-4111  
[www.jacksonville.com](http://www.jacksonville.com)

*Florida Today*  
Newsroom  
P.O. Box 419000  
Melbourne, FL 32941  
Phone: (321) 242-3620  
[www.floridatoday.com](http://www.floridatoday.com)

*The Ledger*  
Newsroom  
P.O. Box 408  
Lakeland, FL 33802  
Phone: (863) 802-7209  
[www.theledger.com](http://www.theledger.com)

*Miami Herald*  
Newsroom  
1 Herald Plaza  
Miami, FL 33132  
Phone: (305) 376-3557  
[www.miamiherald.com](http://www.miamiherald.com)

*Naples Daily News*  
Newsroom  
1075 Central Avenue  
Naples, FL 34102  
Phone: (239) 262-3161  
[www.naplesnews.com](http://www.naplesnews.com)



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*The News-Journal*  
Newsroom  
901 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Daytona Beach, FL 32117  
Phone: (386) 252-1511  
[www.news-journalonline.com](http://www.news-journalonline.com)

*Orlando Sentinel*  
Newsroom  
P.O. Box 2833  
Orlando, FL 32802  
Phone: (407) 420-5000  
[www.orlandosentinel.com](http://www.orlandosentinel.com)

*Pensacola News Journal*  
Newsroom  
101 East Romana Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502  
Phone: (850) 435-8500  
[www.pensacolanejournal.com](http://www.pensacolanejournal.com)

*Sarasota Herald-Tribune*  
Newsroom  
P.O. Box 1719  
Sarasota, FL 34230  
Phone: (941) 361-4800  
[www.heraldtribune.com](http://www.heraldtribune.com)

*Tampa Tribune*  
Newsroom  
200 South Parker Street  
Tampa, FL 33606  
Phone: (813) 259-8225  
[www.tampatrib.com](http://www.tampatrib.com)

*News-Press*  
Newsroom  
2442 Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
Phone: (239) 335-0200  
[www.news-press.com](http://www.news-press.com)

*The Palm Beach Post*  
Newsroom  
P.O. Box 24700  
West Palm Beach, FL 33416  
Phone: (561) 820-4400  
[www.palmbeachpost.com](http://www.palmbeachpost.com)

*St. Petersburg Times*  
Newsroom  
1000 North Ashley Drive  
Tampa, FL 33602  
Phone: (727) 893-8111  
[www.tampabay.com](http://www.tampabay.com)

*South Florida Sun-Sentinel*  
Newsroom  
200 East Las Olas Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
Phone: (954) 356-4000  
[www.sun-sentinel.com](http://www.sun-sentinel.com)

**Political Blogs in Florida**

*Broward's Blog*  
[www.browardsblog.blogspot.com](http://www.browardsblog.blogspot.com)

*Flablog*  
[www.flablog.net](http://www.flablog.net)

*Florida Today*  
[www.floridatoday.com](http://www.floridatoday.com)

*The Buzz*  
[www.blogs.tampabay.com/buzz](http://www.blogs.tampabay.com/buzz)

*Florida Politics*  
[www.flapolitics.blogspot.com](http://www.flapolitics.blogspot.com)

*Post on Politics*  
[www.postonpolitics.com](http://www.postonpolitics.com)

*Progress Florida*  
[www.progressflorida.org](http://www.progressflorida.org)

*Sayfie Review*  
[www.sayfiereview.com](http://www.sayfiereview.com)

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- <sup>1</sup> Florida Statutes 48-1003.42, Section 2(n),  
 <[http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&Search\\_String=&URL=Ch1003/SEC42.HTM&Title=%3E2006-%3ECh1003-%3ESection%2042#1003.42](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=Ch1003/SEC42.HTM&Title=%3E2006-%3ECh1003-%3ESection%2042#1003.42)>
- <sup>2</sup> Florida Statutes 48-1003.42, Section 3,  
 <[http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&Search\\_String=&URL=Ch1003/SEC42.HTM&Title=%3E2006-%3ECh1003-%3ESection%2042#1003.42](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=Ch1003/SEC42.HTM&Title=%3E2006-%3ECh1003-%3ESection%2042#1003.42)>
- <sup>3</sup> Florida Statutes 48-1003.46, Section 1,  
 <[http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&Search\\_String=&URL=Ch1003/SEC46.HTM&Title=%3E2006-%3ECh1003-%3ESection%2046#1003.46](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=Ch1003/SEC46.HTM&Title=%3E2006-%3ECh1003-%3ESection%2046#1003.46)>
- <sup>4</sup> Florida Statutes 48-1003.46, Section 2(a-d),  
 <[http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&Search\\_String=&URL=Ch1003/SEC46.HTM&Title=%3E2006-%3ECh1003-%3ESection%2046#1003.46](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=Ch1003/SEC46.HTM&Title=%3E2006-%3ECh1003-%3ESection%2046#1003.46)>
- <sup>5</sup> Danice K. Eaton, et. al., “Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance—United States, 2009,” *Surveillance Summaries, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, vol. 59, no. SS-5 (4 June 2010): 98–109, accessed 4 June 2010,  
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- <sup>6</sup> *U.S. Teenage Pregnancies, Births, and Abortions: National and State Trends and Trends by Race and Ethnicity*, (Washington, DC: Guttmacher Institute, January 2010), accessed 5 March 2010, <<http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/USTPTrends.pdf>>, Table 3.1.
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- <sup>8</sup> Joyce A. Martin, et. al., “Births: Final Data for 2006,” *National Vital Statistics Reports*, vol. 57, number 7 (Hyattsville, MD: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 7 January 2009), accessed 5 March 2010,  
 <[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr57/nvsr57\\_07.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr57/nvsr57_07.pdf)>, Table B.
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- <sup>13</sup> “Cases of HIV Infection and AIDS in the United States and Dependent Areas, 2007,” *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report*, vol. 19, (Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, February 2009), accessed 5 March 2010,  
 <<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/reports/2007report/pdf/2007SurveillanceReport.pdf>>, Table 18.
- <sup>14</sup> Slide 6: “Estimated Numbers of HIV/AIDS Cases among Adolescents 13 to 19 Years of Age, 2007—34 States,” *HIV/AIDS Surveillance in Adolescents and Young Adults (through 2007)*, (Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, May 2009), accessed 25 March 2010, <<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/slides/adolescents/index.htm>>.
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- <sup>23</sup> “2417—Comprehensive Health Education,” School Board of Collier County Bylaws and Policies, 19 November 2009, accessed 13 June 2010, <<http://www.neola.com/collier-fl/>>.
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- <sup>31</sup> “Pinellas County Schools Human Sexuality Curriculum Overview,” Pinellas County School District.
- <sup>32</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>33</sup> Ibid.
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- <sup>36</sup> Phone conversation between Morgan Marshall and St. Lucie County School Superintendent Michael Lannon on 1 April 2010.
- <sup>37</sup> Ibid.
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- <sup>41</sup> Through the Fiscal Year 2010 appropriations process, Congress eliminated all discretionary funding for abstinence-only-until-marriage programs, including the entire CBAE program and the abstinence-only-until-marriage portion of AFLA. The grant years listed in the chart reflect the years for which funding was originally approved; however, the grants effectively ended in Fiscal Year 2009.
- <sup>42</sup> SIECUS has identified this person as a state-based contact for information on adolescent health and if applicable, abstinence-only-until-marriage programs.
- <sup>43</sup> This section is a list of major newspapers in your state with contact information for their newsrooms. This list is by no means exhaustive and does not contain the local level newspapers which are integral to getting your message out to your community. SIECUS strongly urge you to follow stories about the issues that concern you on the national, state, and local level by using an internet news alert service such as [Google alerts](#), becoming an avid reader of your local papers, and establishing relationships with reporters who cover your issues. For more information on how to achieve your media goals visit the SIECUS [Community Action Kit](#).