

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Latino population is growing in South Florida and the Treasure Coast and more people in Florida speak Spanish than any other non-English language.

Planned Parenthood recognizes that Latinos have a unique culture and language and we have made a promise to help eliminate obstacles that make it difficult for them to receive the health care and information they need to lead healthy lives.

OUR LONG TERM GOALS INCLUDE:

- Improving access to reproductive health care and sexual health information
- Increasing knowledge and awareness of reproductive and family health issues
- Reducing the late-stage incidence and mortality rate for breast and cervical cancer
- Strengthening families by changing high risk behaviors that lead to sexually transmitted infections and unplanned pregnancies

OUR PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Culturally sensitive, bilingual health services for women, men and teens
- Help for parents who want to improve communication with their children
- Workshops that address ways to prevent unintended pregnancies and disease

Planned Parenthood serves as a leader in advancing sexual health by providing medically accurate, age-appropriate sex education. Presentation topics include:

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- Human Sexuality
- Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention
- Breast Health Self-Exams
- Parental Involvement & Communication
- Baby Spacing and Prenatal Care
- Other Topics As Requested



DID YOU KNOW?

The birth rate for Martin County Latino teens (88.1) exceeds the state of Florida rate for Latino teens (58.9). Latino teens have the highest rate of births (88.1) compared to non-Latino white teens (26.6) and black teens (72.1).

In 2007, 1.8% of Latino women statewide giving birth did not obtain prenatal care. Nearly twice that percentage of Latino women in Martin County (3.4%) did not obtain prenatal care, a trend that has persisted since 2004.

Latinos continue to have higher incidences of cervical cancer compared to non-Latino White women and they are more likely not to have had Pap smears than their non-Latino White counterparts.

Only 64% of Latino women receive breast cancer detection at an early stage compared to 70% of non-Latino White women.

Latino women account for 15% of all females living with HIV/AIDS and 19% of the children living with the disease are Latino.

