

PLANNED PARENTHOOD® OF SOUTH FLORIDA AND THE TREASURE COAST



SPOTLIGHT

A Newsletter For Planned Parenthood Supporters

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PLANNED PARENTHOOD NEWS

CAROLYN HUCKSHORN ADVOCACY AWARD

Each year Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast presents the Carolyn Huckshorn Advocacy Award to a champion who demonstrates unflinching leadership and fearless support of reproductive health services and information.

This year's recipient is State Senator Ted Deutch in honor of his steadfast support for comprehensive sex education in Florida schools and his unyielding leadership as the sponsor of the Healthy Teens Act. [Click here](#) to see Senator Deutch receive the award from Planned Parenthood Board Member Carolyn Huckshorn herself!

TEEN TIME® GRADUATION

The Ft. Pierce [Teen Time](#) program is proud to announce that eight students have graduated from the Planned Parenthood after-school program. All of the students have been with Teen Time since they were 12 years old, and today they are young adults who have also successfully graduated from high school. Most of the students have plans to go onto college or to join the Armed Forces. [Click here](#) to

read more about the students in the Elite Club.

TEEN TIME® SUCCESS IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

During the month of April, [Teen Time®](#) provided 79 teenagers in three intensive, 32-hour trainings with comprehensive sex education. Participants were from the Drop Back In Academy (Belle Glade), Lake Worth West Community Center and Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment Center—all three programs reside in a “hotspot” zip code where there is a higher rate of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. These participants learned about the difference between sex and sexuality, the reproductive system, values and communication, healthy relationships, pregnancy and disease prevention, and the societal impact on teen sexuality. It is during these intensive trainings that the teenagers are empowered with the skills needed to make responsible decisions to safe-guard their health and future. For more info on our Teen Time® programs [click here](#).

PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS A HEALTHY START HERO

Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast received a "Healthy Start Hero" award at the Annual Martin County Healthy Start Luncheon. The Martin County Planned Parenthood Health Center was recognized for helping women receive critical prenatal care by connecting them to our community partner—Healthy Start.

TAKE CARE

CALLING ALL TEENS

School is out and summer is here. While homework is not on your mind, preventing teen pregnancy and STIs is your year-round homework assignment. So don't forget to stop by [Teen Time®](#) for your **FREE** annual check up to safe-guard your future from an unplanned pregnancy or Sexually Transmitted Infection.

Female and male teens ages 12-17 can receive the following FREE services, if needed, at the [Lake Worth](#) and [West Palm Beach](#) Planned Parenthood Health Centers:

- One-on-one education on teen issues
- Reproductive and sexual health exam
- Simple testing for STIs including the rapid HIV test with a simple finger prick
- A year supply of birth control (pills or depo shot)
- Access to free condoms

DON'T MISS OUT! Only a limited number of appointments are left in June.

Need tips on how to talk with your parents? [Click here](#) to make an appointment at our West Palm Beach or Lake Worth health center to meet with a Teen Time® educator.

NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

June 27 is National HIV Testing Day. It is estimated that 250,000 people in the United States have HIV and are not aware of it. National HIV Testing Day is an opportunity for people nationwide to learn their HIV status, and to gain knowledge to take control of their health and their lives.

In honor of National HIV Testing Day, *Planned Parenthood is offering \$25 any three STI screens*- including HIV. [Click here](#) to make an appointment and know your status.

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS

GET ACTIVE ON CAMPUS

Vox @: Voices for Planned Parenthood is a program to educate and mobilize students and young professionals in support of reproductive health and rights. Pro-choice students all over South Florida are educating the university community about reproductive health and rights, to translate increased awareness into pro-choice activism on campus, and to serve as a coalition partner to state, national, and international reproductive efforts. [Click here to see](#) how you can make a difference on your campus!

SEEKING FALL INTERNS

Planned Parenthood is currently seeking applicants for Fall 2009 interns. Interns will assist the Public Affairs Department in achieving its grassroots organizing and legislative goals. [Click here](#) for more information and application instructions.

GET INVOLVED

PLANNED PARENTHOOD LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Planned Parenthood Leadership Council is a hands-on program designed to empower Planned Parenthood supporters of all ages with professional experience in public policy, grassroots organizing, and public speaking. Leadership Council members will attend an intensive one-day training focused on developing effective communication, event planning and advocacy skills that will be used to educate the community and improve public policy around access to birth control and comprehensive sex education.

For more information on the program and training dates please [click here](#).

COMING SOON: PLANNED PARENTHOOD YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Planned Parenthood is launching its first young professionals group in Palm Beach County. The mission of the group will aim to empower young professionals to serve

as protectors of reproductive health and choice for the next generation by bringing together like-minded professionals to socialize, network and learn more about the mission of Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast.

Please complete [this short survey](#) about your interests and we will contact you soon.

SHARE YOUR STORY

When it comes to reproductive health and freedom, everybody has an important story to tell. Whether you're a patient, donor, volunteer, or all three, please speak out and share your story about the importance of Planned Parenthood and reproductive rights.

Your story will help us preserve and expand access to reproductive health care and information. No matter how Planned Parenthood has made a difference in your life, [please share your story](#) so we can better share our story.

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