

PLANNED PARENTHOOD® OF SOUTH FLORIDA AND THE TREASURE COAST



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Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

May is Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month and in Florida, we are marking the occasion by spreading the word and building support for the Healthy Teens Act! The Healthy Teens Act is vital legislation that would require Florida public schools that receive state funding to provide comprehensive, medically-accurate, and age-appropriate factual information when teaching about family planning, pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS.

Why is this month important? In January 2009, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed that the teen birth rate in the United States has increased three percent between 2005 and 2006 – the first increase after 14 years of steady decline. Florida currently ranks 6th in the nation for teen pregnancy rates. The best way to protect teens is to give them the information they need to make responsible decisions about their health and their futures – this is why we **need** the Healthy Teens Act.

[Click here](#) to see our video of Floridians lending their voices in support of the Healthy Teens Act. Then, make it viral! Send out to friends, feature on your website, post on blogs and social networking sites and lend your own voice to the effort by sending your very own video testimonial in support of the Healthy Teens Act to info@healthyteensflorida.org.

Highest Honors for Planned Parenthood CEO

Planned Parenthood Federation of America presented the Ruth Green Award to Lillian A. Tamayo, President & CEO of Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast. The award is the highest honor bestowed upon CEOs and was presented at the Planned Parenthood 2009 Gala, the highlight of PPFA's national conference, which is attended by more than 1,000 leaders and members of the organization, who work on the front lines of women's health care every day. [Click here](#) for the rest of the message.

Get Active on Campus with Vox

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. [See](#) how you can make a difference on your campus!

An Economic Update From our CEO

Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast is fortunate to have dedicated supporters like you. I am writing you today to thank you for this support and provide you with an update on Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast's status as we weather this economic storm. [Click here](#) for the rest of the message.

Volunteer with Planned Parenthood

In our health centers, on the streets, and on Capitol Hill, Planned Parenthood is at the forefront of the reproductive health and rights movement. We work hard every day to make sure our movement toward reproductive freedom for all is sustained, vibrant and relentless! Your involvement with Planned Parenthood makes all the difference. [Find out](#) how you can volunteer today!

Planned Parenthood Online

Social Networking Sites

[Click Here to Join Planned Parenthood on Facebook](#)

[Click here to Join Planned Parenthood on MySpace](#)

Make Your Appointment Online

Make your appointment with Planned Parenthood with a [click of a mouse!](#)

Local Events

May 14th: Vero, Stuart, Palm Beach & Miami Public Affairs Volunteer Meeting

Join us for a discussion with elected officials on ways to advance our local reproductive justice agenda across South Florida.

May 21st : Planned Parenthood Broward House Party

Join your neighbors in Broward to get the inside scoop on the latest legislative session. Come meet other Planned Parenthood supporters in your area and learn more about how you can get involved and make a difference! Our host is generously providing hearty hor 'dourves, so bring your appetite and your passion for women's rights!

May 30th: Silence to Action: Reclaiming the Church's Voice on Sexual Health

Join the Palm Beach community to explore the issues of HIV/AIDS and teen pregnancy within the community of faith. There will be breakout groups for middle and high school youth and parents as well as a panel discussion with clergy and community members/parents. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided.

[Click here for a full listing of our events!](#)

Careers and Internships with Planned Parenthood

At Planned Parenthood, our most important resource is our people. Our dedicated staff and interns serve the local South Florida community every day. Use these links to learn more about local employment and internship opportunities:

[Planned Parenthood Employment Opportunities](#)

[Planned Parenthood Internship Opportunities](#)

Make A Contribution Today

Planned Parenthood provides comprehensive sexual health care through the provision of clinical services, education, and advocacy.

During these tough economic times, we need your help more than ever to support advocacy, educational programs and health care for thousands of women, men and teens in our community. [Your donation can make a difference.](#)

Planned Parenthood in Action

Visit our [new website](#) to see what Planned Parenthood has been up to all over South Florida!

