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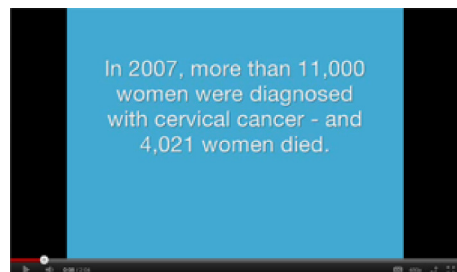
A Newsletter For Planned Parenthood Supporters

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Planned Parenthood News**Dispelling Myths About HPV**

Have you heard about HPV and vaccinations in the news lately? We can't believe what they've been saying, and we wanted to share the truth. Human papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted virus in the United States. The bottom line: HPV can cause cervical cancer, and the FDA-approved, CDC-recommended vaccine that can prevent HPV is a major breakthrough in the fight against the cancer that kills more than 4,000 women each year. We've got the facts [right here](#).

Planned Parenthood Provides 136 Free Cervical Cancer Screenings

HPV can cause cervical cancer, the third-leading cause of cancer deaths among women worldwide. At Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast, we recognize the importance of staying healthy - and we recognize that, in these tough economic times, many can't afford to stay on top of their health. This summer, we provided 136 women with cervical cancer screenings at our Vero Beach, Stuart, Lake Worth, and Kendall health centers. Some of these women offered their thoughts on the importance of cervical cancer screenings - [watch the video](#) today.

Planned Parenthood and Advocates for Youth in Washington D.C.

Planned Parenthood's Broward County Youth Council had the opportunity to attend the 2011 Urban Retreat hosted by Advocates for Youth in Washington D.C. earlier this month. Youth Council members participated in valuable training, learning new tactics they'll use to advocate for comprehensive sexual education in Broward County schools. Young people from around the country attended the four day youth conference. Youth Council members advocated on Capitol Hill, meeting with members of Congress including Senator Bill Nelson and Congressman Alcee Hastings. Learn more about the Broward County Youth Council, nominate an outstanding Broward student, or submit your application today by going to our [Youth Leadership Council page](#).



Flavia, Destiny, and Andi outside the Hart Senate Office Building

Time For Your Teen

This summer, parents from all over Palm Beach County joined Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast for Teen Time's® "Time For Your Teen", a new education program funded by the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County. Using "teachable moments," parents learn how to define sex, sexuality and values, the basics about STIs and HIV, the importance of contraception, and how to effectively communicate with their kids. Since the program began this year, 384 Palm Beach County parents have benefited from Time For Your Teen. Learn more about Teen Time and our other programs at [our Education page](#).



Senior Community Health Educator David Block (center) with participating parents in Lake Worth

Take Care

Each year, more than 11,000 American women are diagnosed with cervical cancer. Our South Florida health centers offer Pap smears that can detect the abnormal cells that cause cervical cancer - a test that can save your life.

[Make an appointment online](#) to visit one of our health centers.

Test To Protect

We are now offering FREE HIV testing at our Pembroke Pines and North Miami health centers. Some restrictions do apply, so please give us a call at 1-800-230-PLAN or [visit our website](#) for more information and to make an appointment.



College Students: VOX News



With students back on campus throughout South Florida, our VOX chapters have started planning and meeting. Between Friday, September 23rd and Friday, September 30th, South Florida VOX chapters will be participating in the 2011 Sex Education Week of Action. Next month, be on the lookout on Facebook and in next month's newsletter for news and pictures from their great events!

VOX Calendar

Florida Atlantic University:

Wednesday, September 28th: VOX tabling from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Boca Raton campus breezeway

University of Miami:

Monday, October 3rd: VOX meeting at 8 PM, University Center Ballroom D
Wednesday, October 19th: VOX Pub Crawl

Florida International University:

Wednesday, September 28th: Speaking In Tongues open mic night, 7 PM in the Everglades Residence Hall lounge.

Find your local VOX chapter on Facebook:

[FAU in Boca Raton](#)

[Florida International University](#)

[University of Miami](#)

For more ways to get involved, check out our website. To [learn more about VOX](#) or to get involved on your campus, contact your campus VOX Chapter.

For more information on VOX, please contact: Destiny.DeJesus@ppssoflo.org or call (561) 472-9970.

Broward Youth Leadership Council

The Broward Youth Leadership Council is still accepting applications and nominations. Our Youth Council supports and promotes evidence-based, responsible sex education in Broward County schools. Apply or nominate someone on our [Youth Leadership Council page](#) today!

Get Involved

Please visit [our events page](#) for more details on our upcoming events.

Women Are Watching: 2011 Legislative Delegation Hearings

There are three upcoming legislative delegation hearings, your chance to show your elected officials that women are watching. Supporters are encouraged to join us at these delegation hearings wearing Planned Parenthood pink! We're also encouraging those who feel comfortable to speak directly to the legislative delegation at the hearings.

The three upcoming meetings are:

Indian River County - Wednesday, September 28th at 9:00 AM in Vero Beach

Broward County - Thursday, October 27, at 4:00 PM in Lauderhill

Palm Beach County - Thursday, December 1, at 2:00 PM in West Palm Beach

Please visit our [legislative delegation hearings page](#) for more info, hearing locations, and to RSVP.

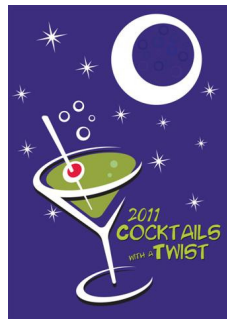
Martin County Cocktails With A Twist

Join us for the 5th annual Cocktails with a Twist Fundraiser! There will be a DJ to get you on the dance floor, delicious food and spirits, and live entertainment that we like to call the TWIST. If you've never been to Cocktails with a Twist before, we have a special rate of \$70 for first-timers. Regular priced tickets are \$100. Or, you might want to consider purchasing a \$250 Gris Gris sponsorship which includes 2 tickets to the main event plus 2 tickets to the VIP party (from 6 to 7). We look forward to seeing you there!

When: Saturday, October 15th, 2011

Where: A waterfront location in Jensen Beach, FL (Attendees will be notified of the location)

Contact: Call 561-472-9966, email Noelle.Ferguson@PPSoFlo.org, or [purchase tickets online](#).



Planned Parenthood Dinner Dance

Planned Parenthood WE'RE HERE:



Each year Planned Parenthood supporters come together at Club Colette in Palm Beach to celebrate the work of Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast and raise much needed funds for our education and health care programs. Join us for a FANTASTIC evening of delectable food, fine wine and dancing.

What: The Dinner Dance supports our education and health care programs.

When: Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 7 PM

Where: Club Colette

Please call 561-472-9966 or email Noelle.Ferguson@PPSoFlo.org for more information on tickets and sponsorships.

21st Annual Tradition of Choice Luncheon

Planned Parenthood is honored to host the iconic Gloria Steinem as our keynote speaker at the 21st Annual Tradition of Choice Luncheon. The subject of the recent HBO documentary, *Gloria: In Her Own Words*, Ms. Steinem has championed women's rights for more than 40 years. A writer, lecturer, editor, and activist, Ms. Steinem travels the world to speak and organize on issues of equality.



What: Our Tradition of Choice luncheon supports the Teen Time program.

When: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 11 AM

Where: The Kravis Center Cohen Pavilion

Please call 561-472-9966 or email Noelle.Ferguson@PPSoFlo.org for more information on tickets and sponsorships.

Volunteer Opportunities

There is so much work to be done! We have a number of projects that need great volunteers, and now is a great time to get involved with Planned Parenthood. Community service hours available. [Fill out this survey](#) and we'll be in touch.

Share Your Story

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. Has Planned Parenthood made a difference in your life? Please share your story with us, so we can share it with the world. Your privacy is guaranteed, and your story can be submitted anonymously. [Share with us](#) the impact Planned Parenthood has had on your life.

Planned Giving

Our supporters work tirelessly to support Planned Parenthood's mission and ideals. For those looking to perpetuate the time and effort invested for years to come, our development staff members are more than happy to provide information and assistance with naming our affiliate as a beneficiary. Have you already named our affiliate as a beneficiary of a retirement account? Are you looking for more information or assistance? You can find detailed information [on our website](#). Please, don't hesitate to contact Noelle at 1-800-225-1540.

The Planned Parenthood Team

Internships and Fellow Positions Available

Planned Parenthood is accepting applications for our intern and fellowship programs in West Palm Beach and Miami. Interns will assist the Public Affairs Department in achieving its grassroots organizing and legislative goals. Visit [our website](#) for more information and application instructions.

We're Hiring

At Planned Parenthood, our most important resource is our people. Our dedicated staff and interns serve the local South Florida community every day. Visit [our job bank](#) today!

For up to date information on Events and Health Center Specials join us on [Facebook](#) and visit our [Homepage](#).

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