Overview and Strategies for Providing HIV/AIDS Prevention Education to Florida’s Youth

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Webinar Objectives

Participants will:

- Receive an update of Florida Statutes and legislative history regarding health education topics
- Understand how the Tool Kit can be useful
- List barriers to HIV/AIDS prevention education in schools
- Learn of success stories in HIV/AIDS, STD and teen pregnancy prevention efforts in the state
History: Florida Statutes Health Education

- 1003.41 – Next Generation Sunshine State Standards
- 1003.42 (n) – Comprehensive Health Education
- 1003.46 – HIV/AIDS Prevention Education
History: Proposed Legislation Regarding Sexual Health Education

- 2006 – Comprehensive K–12 family life and human sexuality education

- 2007 – 2010 Healthy Teens Act
History: Why Develop this Resource

- Educate and engage community stakeholders
- Encourage coalition building to address the sexual health education needs of students
- Encourage districts to implement effective sexual health education policies and programs
Contents, Action Steps, and Additional Resources

- Letter of Support from the State Board of Education

“I encourage parents, youth, educators, and community leaders throughout the state to use Florida’s Sexual Health Education Community Outreach Tool Kit to examine current trends, and work together to improve the health and academic success of their youth.”

T. Willard Fair
2010 Chairman of the State Board of Education
Contents, Action Steps, and Additional Resources

Data

- Florida Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)
- DOH Bureau of HIV/AIDS
- Guttmacher Institute
- Florida Charts
  - School-aged Child and Adolescent Profiles
- School Health Profiles Survey
- DOH Behavioral Risk Surveillance Survey
- CDC
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- Tool Kit Survey

Three Sections:
- Action Steps
- Additional Information and Resources
- Endnotes and Acknowledgements
Contents, **Action Steps**, and Additional Resources

1. Engage the community to build a coalition

2. Conduct community assessment and gather data

3. Develop and implement a plan of action

4. Evaluate the community-based initiative
Section Two: Additional Information and Resources

- Valuable information
- Innovative ideas
Endnotes and Acknowledgements

- Endnotes contain links to valuable resources
- Experts who were involved in development of the Tool Kit
Tool Kit Online

Office of Healthy Schools Website

- http://www.fldoe.org/bii/cshp/
Barriers to HIV/AIDS Prevention Education

- No stand alone health education course required for graduation
- Lack of emphasis on health education in many districts
- Health Education Coordinators wearing many hats
- Inadequate teacher training delivered at district level
- Schools in crisis
Success Stories

- St. Lucie County – Get Real About AIDS
- Madison County – Pilot Project
- Duval County – Change in policy
- Collier County – Change in policy and curriculum
- Pinellas County – Teacher Training
- Four CDC funded districts in Florida
The HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Program Offers:

- Onsite trainings by experts
  - Effective sexual health education
  - Evidence-based curricula
  - *Blood Lines Video Training*
  - *Beyond the Birds and the Bees* Parent Training
- Statewide trainings on evidence-based curricula
- Online trainings
- *Florida’s Sexual Health Education Tool Kit* online
- Tool Kit Webinar online

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