

**Miami-Dade Co.  
Health Dept  
STD Program**



**CLINIC LOCATIONS**

**1350 NW 14 Street**

**18255 Homestead Ave**

**615 Collins Ave**

**300 NE 80th Terrace**

**For hours**

**www.dadehealth.org.**

**Call 305-575-5423**

**“NOW  
THAT YOU KNOW”  
STDS FOR FAITH  
BASED LEADERS**

**WHY YOU!**

You are a “Natural Leader” and have more influence than many. Your community needs you! We need your help!

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Week of Prayer**

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Many people have no signs or symptoms of STDs and/or they may not recognize them. Untreated STDs can lead to serious health problems. Syphilis, like many other STDs, facilitates the spread of HIV by increasing the likelihood of transmission.

STDs pose a serious public health threat, particularly young women, African Americans, Men who have sex with men (MSM) and those living in poverty or with limited access to health care.

**Florida in 2010**

270 cases of STD were diagnosed each day.  
11 cases of STD were diagnosed each hour.  
1 was diagnosed every 5.26 minutes.  
67% of all reported cases of STDs (66,606) were between the age of 15 to 24.

**Nationally**

19 million new cases are diagnosed every year.  
1 in 4 teens contracts an STD each year.  
1 in 2 sexually active persons will contract an STD.

**Miami—Dade**

April 2010, a critical advisory letter went out from Lillian Rivera RN, MSN, PhD our Administrator regarding STDs being on the rise in Miami—Dade. These increases represent a 10 year high in reported infectious syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia. This still only represents a fraction of the actual cases as many have no symptoms or don't recognize/ignore them so they go untreated.

With teens, 71% of the chlamydia cases reported were among women of whom 73% were between 15-24 years of age.

**The STD Program offers:**

**Clinical Services**

Exams, Testing & Treatment

**Surveillance**

Verifies the diagnosis and treatment of all reportable STDs from public and private health care providers.

**Community Relations**

Awareness materials, Presentations, Health Fairs & Research

**Field Services with DIS**

(Disease Intervention Specialists)

DIS are not the “sex police” or from immigration. The DIS help people who have all kinds of diseases including HIV, Hepatitis, TB & STD.

DIS can:

- ✓ Test for disease during outreach
- ✓ Interview persons infected with STDs/HIV
- ✓ Notify partners for testing and treatment
- ✓ Answer questions and provide info
- ✓ Identify the need for other medical and/or non medical services

**RESOURCES**

- [www.dadehealth.org](http://www.dadehealth.org)
- [www.doh.state.fl.us/disease-ctrl/index.htm](http://www.doh.state.fl.us/disease-ctrl/index.htm)
- [www.cdc.gov/std](http://www.cdc.gov/std)
- [www.Wemakethechange.com](http://www.Wemakethechange.com)

E-cards are another option in Florida for informing partners that they may have been exposed to an STD. Electronic cards are sent confidentially and, if needed, anonymously.

You can access this site at

- [www.inSPOT.org](http://www.inSPOT.org)



**NOW THAT YOU KNOW,  
WHAT WILL YOU DO?**

**WHAT YOU CAN DO!**

**Raise awareness of STDs/HIV**

Remind everyone to love themselves by respecting their spirit, body, soul and mind

Preach abstinence and have resources for those who need help. Start early with youth.

Don't be too quick to judge

Be your brothers keeper

Keep their confidentiality

Pray for those who can't help themselves and offer a helping hand

Start a health ministry and/or add STD/HIV prevention to it

Encourage parents/teachers and others to be moral role models

Incorporate prevention in your sermons whenever possible

Host events that transform healthy behaviors like:

- ✓ Abstinence rally
- ✓ Week of healthy behaviors
- ✓ Art/spoken word contests

Add STD/HIV resources to web page and stories to newsletters

Help to change social norms regarding stigma and disease

Invite speakers geared to your needs and/or counseling and testing opportunities.

- ✓ Get trained and do them yourself, or
- ✓ Invite community partners

Host a chastity day/evening with education on the consequences of STDs and HIV

Include special programs and/or information for men





