

# Healthy Teens Expo



## WHAT IS HEALTHY TEENS EXPO?

Healthy Teens Expo are events developed for students to access comprehensive health care information, including educational rallies/testimonies, and access to HIV/STI counseling/testing/linkage to care on school grounds.

## OBJECTIVE

Create opportunities for students to access on-site (school grounds) health care information and STI/HIV counseling and testing services.

## HOW TO ACCESS COMMUNITY RESOURCES?

To fairly distribute the workload of executing Healthy Teens Expo events on school grounds, local agencies/institutions have taken the lead in this community effort. Leading agencies, by area of expertise, are identified below.

Schools requesting a Healthy Teens Expo event should contact the **Miami-Dade County Public Schools – Division of Student Services / HIV/AIDS Education Programs** to schedule an event.

Schools have a menu of services (Health Fair, HIV/STI Testing, Assembly/Rally) that they can choose from. Once the school has identified services needed for their event, someone from the office of student services will contact the appropriate lead agency/agencies.

It is requested that all communications be done via e-mail, providing the following information:

School Name and Address

Date and Time – time must be specific to the services requested, i.e.; health fair, rally, mobile units

Set up area – specific for mobile units and health fair

School contact name and phone number

## Note:

- Following MDCPS guidelines, all assembly/rally presenters, delivering prevention messages on HIV/STI, must be a member of the MDCPS-Speaker's Bureau;
- Event cancellation should be done via e-mail at least 24 hours in advance.

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## ACTIVITIES MENU

Choose any combination

### HEALTH FAIRS

Community-based organizations/youth programs on the following topics but not limited to: Cyber Crime, General Health and Nutrition, Child Trafficking, Mental Health, Youth Shelter, Food Stamps, Dating Violence, Gangs Prevention, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Career Planning

### ASSEMBLY/RALLY

An educational kickoff for the student body meant to instill enthusiasm and notify students of health fair and/or testing activities, usually involving the participation of peer-ed clubs and guest speakers (members of Speaker's Bureau)

### MOBILE UNITS (STI/HIV/AIDS TESTING)

Community-based organizations providing anonymous or confidential testing for STI/HIV/AIDS is offered to the student body

### ABSTINENCE-ONLY PROGRAM

Health fair and rallies tailored to abstinence-only programs

## LEAD AGENCIES

### ASSEMBLIES/RALLIES

Leading Agency:

**Miami-Dade County Public Schools  
Division of Student Services / HIV/AIDS Education Programs**

Contact Person:

Daniel R. Ore, District Supervisor

Contact Information:

305/995-7273  
[DOre@dadeschools.net](mailto:DOre@dadeschools.net)

Responsibility:

Overall responsibility for HTE events;  
Responsible for Speakers Bureau and Material Review Committee  
Coordination with participant school;  
Communication with Lead Agencies to initiate event logistics;

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Responsible for contacting and scheduling speaker's bureau members to support rally events.

## HEALTH FAIR

Lead Agency: **Hispanic AIDS Awareness Program (HAAP)**  
Contact Person: Esther Tellechea, Executive Director  
Contact Number: 305/274-5600  
[etellechea@emservices.com](mailto:etellechea@emservices.com)

Responsibility: Identify and recruit area CBOs;  
Data base maintenance;  
Generate outlook invitation and provide logistic support;  
Prepare HTE reports (based on data received from MDCPS and MDCDOH)

## MOBILE UNITS (HIV/STI TESTING)

Lead Agency: **Miami-Dade County Health Department, Office of HIV/AIDS**  
Contact Person: Kira Villamizar, HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator (HAPC)  
Contact Information: 305/470-6974  
[kira\\_villamizar@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:kira_villamizar@doh.state.fl.us)

Responsibility: Contact and coordinate outreach/testing programs, with mobile units, to schedule supportive services at schools events;  
Coordination of Testing efforts logistics.

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## SCHEDULE TIMELINE

**Mobile Units (HIV/STI testing)** –The earlier the better (3 to 4 wks. planning phase). To secure participation of mobile testing vans, it is best when partners are given a few weeks notice to make sure they are available to participate in the event. Monthly calendars are turned in by providers to the

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health department to schedule outreach events for the month. Scheduling early will secure van availability.

**Note:** mobile vans must be staged near or on school grounds to ensure students accessibility to these services.

**Health Fairs** – (3 to 4 wks. planning phase) – Incorporating health fairs with HIV/STI outreach events will ensure that students will have an opportunity to learn about other community services available to them. Accessing services that will help students deal with mental health issues, including, violence and substance abuse will help reduce core risk factors associated with STI and HIV disease. Health fairs will help maximize the prevention effort.

**Assembly/Rally** - (1 to 2 wks. planning phase) – It is always best to plan ahead. Some community partners and youth participation in school assemblies can be achieved on short notice. Participation will depend on time availability. Youth (younger looking adults) participation to engage students is preferred for greater outreach effort in this population.

- **Prior to the school rally** – It is best when students are involved in promoting the prevention events. Members of the student education clubs are the ideal group to help promote and generate student participation from within the school. Creating opportunities to teach prevention in the classroom is ideal. Members of the Speakers Bureau can provide these services.
- **Incentives** – Incentives are always helpful in generating student interest and participation. Participating community agencies may or may not have incentives for students. It is best to discuss with the Office of Student Services available incentives for best use.