



Lee County Legislative Delegation - November 2011

Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida is dedicated to preventing infant deaths and premature babies by ensuring pregnant women and babies have access to medical care and other community services to help ensure their baby has a chance at a healthy start in life. Last year, we served approximately 17,000 pregnant women and infants in Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties.

♥ **Thank You** for including the references to Healthy Start in the Medicaid Waiver bill last year.

♥ **Lee County "Report Card"**

1. Services—Last year in Lee County we served:

- 826 uninsured pregnant women received prenatal care.
- 2,517 pregnant women and 1,547 babies in nurse supervised home visiting.
- 4,000 pregnant women in the MomCare program.

2. Pregnancy Risk Screening--96% of pregnant women in Collier agreed to complete the voluntary risk screen which was better than the state average of 88%.¹
3. Infant Risk Screening--89% of newborns were screened at the delivery hospitals which was the same as than the state average of 89%.
4. Infant Death Rate—Lee was 5.3 per 1,000 births which was better than the state average of 6.9. Trend has been decreasing the last 3 years.
5. Fetal Deaths— Lee was 4.4 which was better than the state average of 7.0. Trend is decreasing.
6. Premature Births-- Lee was 13.6% which was better than the state average of 14.0%. Trend is steady.
7. Late or no Access to Prenatal Care— Lee was 5.4% which was slightly worse than the state average of 5.0%. Trend is slightly decreasing.
8. Births to Uninsured Women—Lee was 5.7% which was better than the state average of 9.1%. Trend is decreasing.
9. Births to Medicaid Eligible Women—Lee was 45% which was lower than the state average of 47%. Trend is increasing.
10. Births to Teens 10-19 Years—Lee was 19 per 1,000 females which was better than the state average of 20. Trend is decreasing.
11. Repeat Births to Teens— Lee was 18% which was similar to the state average of 22%. Trend is increasing.
12. Substance Exposed Newborns—Lee County has increased from 8 babies in 2005 to 73 babies in 2009.

♥ **REQUEST**--Restore the \$4.7M and \$5.4M cuts over the last few years for Healthy Start services.

Last year, we served 726 fewer pregnant women and infants due to budget cuts. This year we anticipate an additional 500 clients will need to be cut due to the additional budget cuts.
