



## Lee County Legislative Delegation - December 2010

**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. Each year we serve approximately 17,000 families in Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties.

### ♥ Thank You

We are very thankful to our legislators for their support in making minimal cuts to Healthy Start last session.

### ♥ Lee County “Report Card”

1. Clients served—8,737 pregnant women and 1,854 infants in Lee County.
2. Administrative costs—remain at only 5%.
3. Pregnancy Risk Screening--92% of pregnant women in Lee agreed to complete the voluntary risk screen which was **better** than the state average of 87%.
4. Infant Risk Screening--89% of newborns were screened at the delivery hospitals which was **better** than the state average of 87%.
5. Infant mortality—the rate of babies that die within the first year of life has been increasing in recent years, but remains **better** than the state rate (5.9 per 1,000 births in Lee vs. the state rate of 7.2 in 2008).
6. Low Birth Weight--the percentage of babies born too small remains **better** than the state average (Lee 8.1% vs. Florida 8.8%).
7. Fetal Deaths—the rate of stillbirths has been decreasing the last four years and is slightly **better** than the state average (Lee 7.0% vs. Florida 7.2%).
8. Access to Care—The percentage of pregnant women receiving prenatal care in the 3rd trimester or not at all continues to increase both locally and at the state level and nearly the **same** as the state average (Lee 5.9% vs. Florida 5.8%).
9. Uninsured—712 mothers who gave birth were uninsured and the rate is **better** than the state average (9.6% Lee vs. 10.7% FL).
10. Births to Teens 10-18 Years—Lee was 5.3% of 15-19 year olds which was **worse** than the state average of 4.2%.
11. Repeat Births to Teens— Lee was 20.9% which was **worse** than the state average of 18.3%.
12. Overweight Pregnant Women—Lee was 23.8% which was slightly **worse** than the state average of 22.8%.

### ♥ State and Local Level Initiatives

1. Healthy Start Redesign
2. Teen Outreach Program Partnership
3. Nurse Family Partnership
4. Bear Hugs Support Groups