



when our **children succeed**  
the community succeeds

LEADERS UNITED for CHILDREN



**ROUNDTABLE OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY**

The Roundtable of St. Lucie County is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization comprised of 27 community agencies working together with partners and stakeholders throughout the community to address the issues our children face at the root level. Its members are leaders of all aspects of society who come together to build a community of opportunity where every child succeeds.

The Roundtable operates through networks, each of which focuses on one key aspect that affects the lives of our children.

**TEEN HEALTH NETWORK**

The Teen Health Network tracks HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, and teen births among youth.

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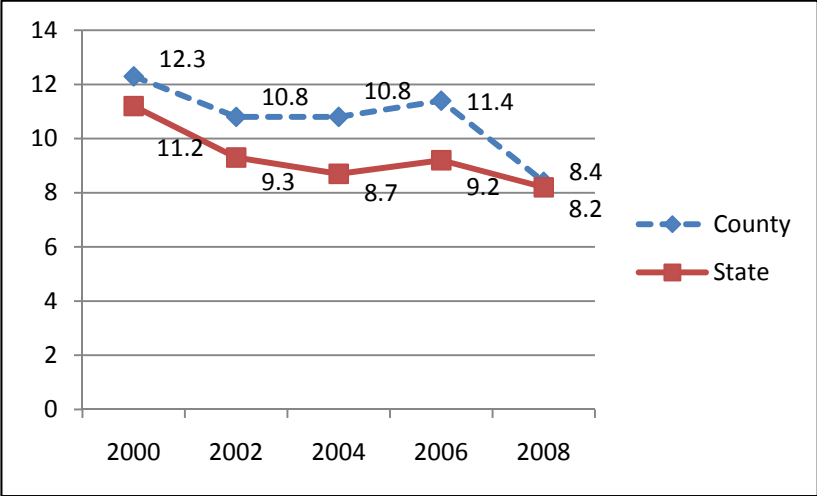
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**Healthy teens means healthy adults. Avoiding sexually transmitted diseases and premature pregnancies give our teens a greater chance for success in life.**

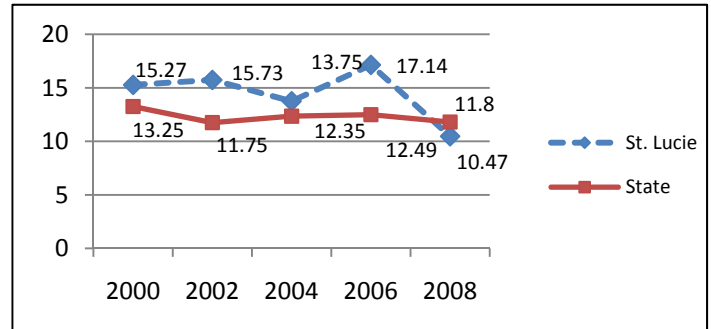
**GOALS & OUTCOMES**

**Reduce the number of teen births by 15% by 2014**

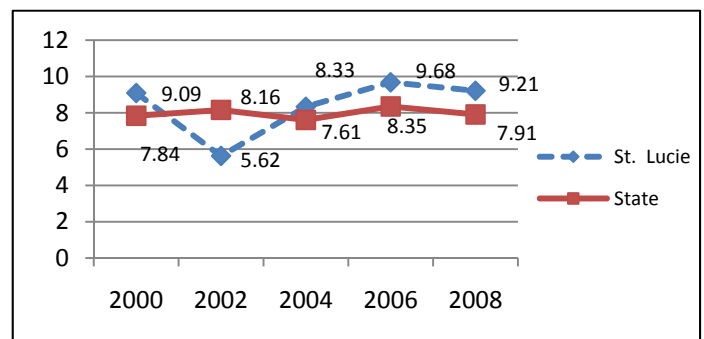
**Teen Pregnancy – Ages 10-17 (rate per 1,000)**



**HIV Cases Ages 25-29 (rate per 1,000)**



**AIDS Cases Ages 25-29 (rate per 1,000)**



The Centers for Disease Control estimates that 50% of all new HIV infections occur in people 25 and younger.

Many people diagnosed with AIDS in their twenties were infected with HIV in their teens.

St. Lucie County young people ages 13-29 have a higher rate of AIDS than the state average.

Two thirds of all sexually transmitted infections (STI's) occur in people 24 years of age or younger. Of those, one third are teenagers.

St. Lucie County teens have a higher rate of gonorrhea and chlamydia than the state average.

In 1992 the percentage of births to girls 18 and under was almost 13% in St. Lucie County. By 2009, that rate has decreased to 6.3%.

**STRATEGIES**

**SUCSESSES:**

- **Get Real About AIDS Curriculum Implemented in the Schools**—Curriculum taught for the first time to approximately 27,000 elementary, middle and high school students in April and May, 2009.
- **HIV/AIDS Awareness Video** – Produced and distributed 600 throughout the community to raise awareness.
- **Youth DVD Contest** – Being held yearly.
- **Barbers and Hairdressers** trained in HIV/AIDS to talk with their clients.
- **Pastors** trained on how to discuss the issue at their churches.

**IN PROCESS:**

- **Teen Friendly Health Clinic** — “Teen Zone” being held twice a month and provides pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease testing and prevention education. Also provides nutrition and diet information.