

TOPWA  
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SUMMARY

2014-  
2015

This report provides an overview of the contributions and efforts of the TOPWA program during the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

TARGETED  
OUTREACH FOR  
PREGNANT  
WOMEN ACT



## OVERVIEW

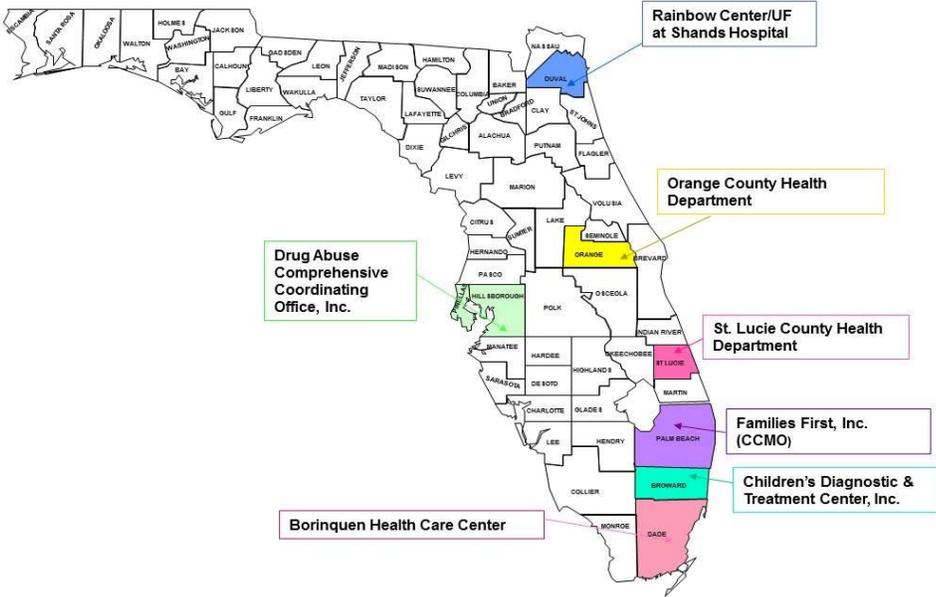
The Perinatal HIV Prevention Program works to prevent HIV transmission from mother to child. Through collaboration with other state agencies and community-based organizations, we are able to reach as many women as possible, providing HIV/AIDS education and support services to women of childbearing age. In doing so, we are able to become a supportive and knowledgeable resource for women seeking to have healthy babies.

The Targeted Outreach for Pregnant Women Act (TOPWA) was formed in 1999 to assist high risk women who may not receive Prenatal Care, who suffer from substance abuse problems or who are infected with HIV. TOPWA links these women to much needed services to ensure that their babies are born healthy.

TOPWA is unique in that outreach workers are employed to go out into the community and enroll pregnant women who have not yet accessed prenatal care. Outreach workers frequent locations such as laundromats, malls, apartment complexes and local hangouts, along with holding community wide health fairs, baby showers and collaborative events with local agencies. The hard work and efforts of TOPWA have been successful as the number of HIV-infected babies born in Florida has decreased from 37 in 2001 to nine in 2015.

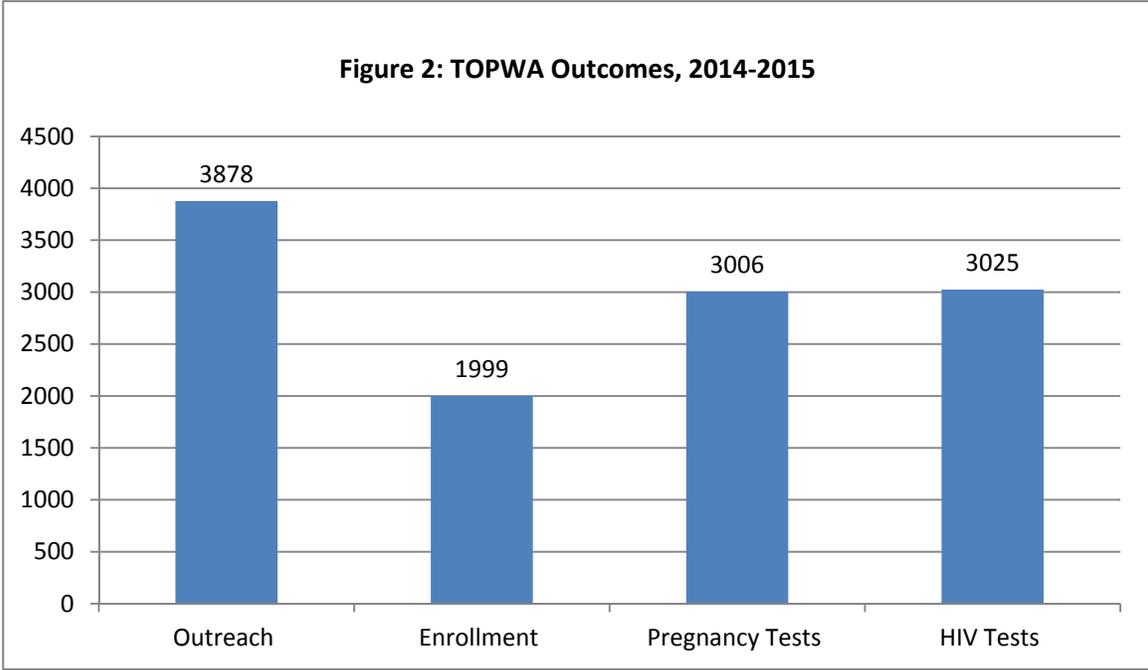
Currently, the TOPWA program operates in seven locations (see Figure 1) which include: Orange County Health Department; Borinquen Health Care Center; Children’s Diagnostic and Treatment Center; Drug Abuse Comprehensive Coordinating Office, Inc.; St. Lucie County Health Department; Families First of Palm Beach County, Inc.; and Rainbow Center/UF at Shands.

Figure 1: TOPWA Providers 2014-2015



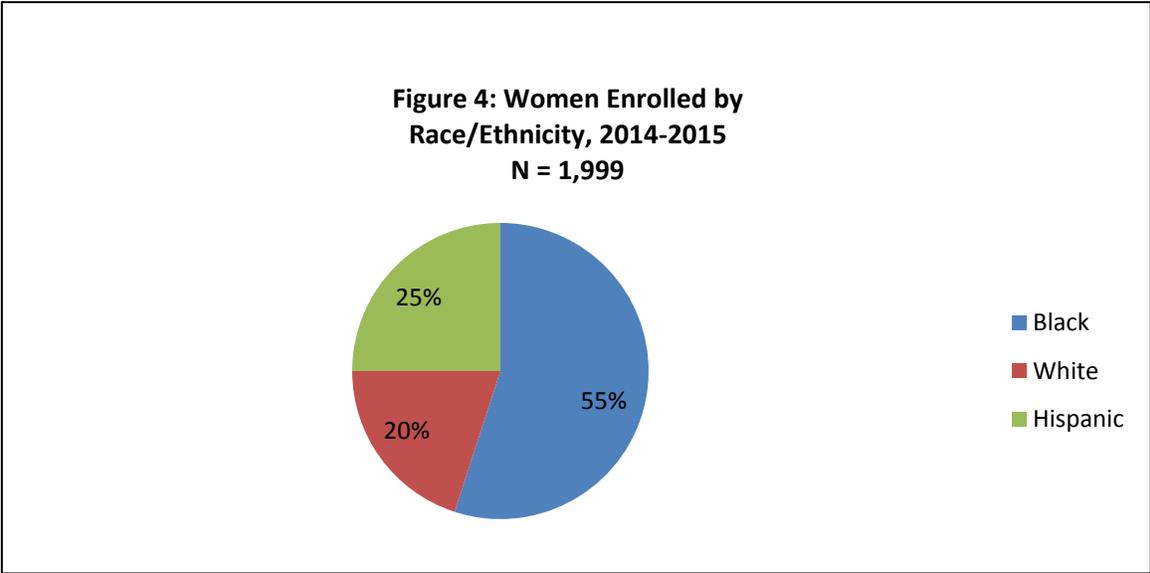
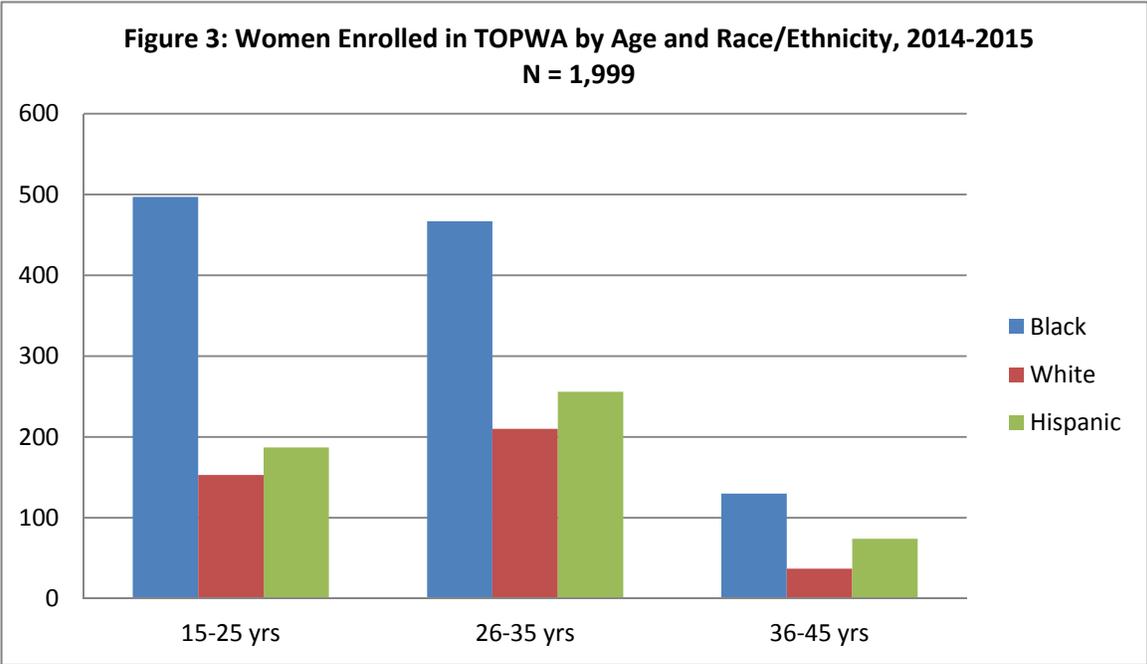
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During the 2014-2015 fiscal year, these sites performed 3,878 outreach sessions, conducted 3,025 HIV tests, administered 3,006 pregnancy tests and enrolled 1,999 pregnant women into the TOPWA program. Of the 1,999 women enrolled, 176 were HIV positive.



**DEMOGRAPHICS**

The TOPWA program is geared toward women at risk for having an HIV-infected or substance exposed baby. As seen in Figure 3, a slightly higher number of women enrolled in the TOPWA program during the 2014-2015 year fell into the age range of 26-35 years. Although the numbers for the age ranges of 15-25 and 36-45 are lower, it does show that our TOPWA programs have made an effort to serve a wide range of pregnant women in need of services. The majority of women enrolled in the TOPWA program were black, making up 55% of the TOPWA enrollments. Hispanic women made up 25% and white women made up 20%.



## LINKAGES, REFERRALS & COLLABORATIONS

One of the main components of the TOPWA program is to link clients to the services needed to ensure safe and healthy pregnancies. During the 2014-2015 year, a total of 6,484 referrals were made by the TOPWA sites. Of these services, 19% were Healthy Start referrals, 21% were prenatal care referrals, and 15% were WIC referrals; these three made up the majority. Although transportation and housing are major issues among TOPWA clients, the services available to remedy these issues are scarce. Table 1 provides an overview of the referrals and linkages provided by each TOPWA site.

**Table 1: Linkages by Site and Service, 2014-2015**

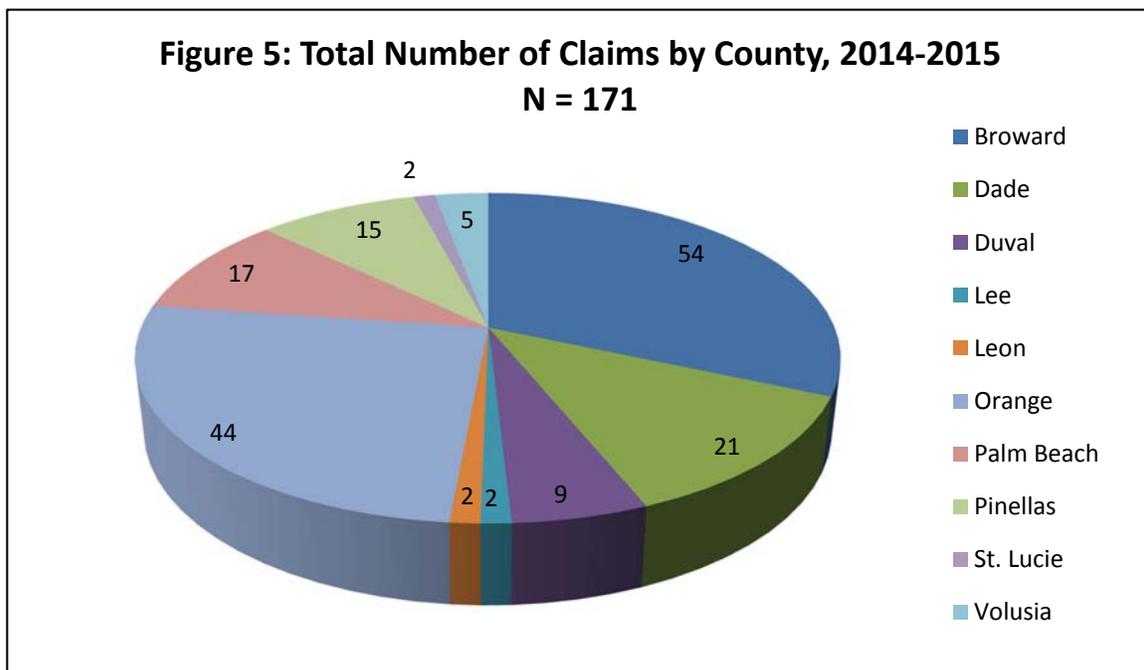
	Healthy Start	Prenatal Care	WIC	Medicaid	HIV Case Mgmt	Shelter & Food	Substance Abuse	Mental Health Services
<b>Borinquen</b>	375	104	0	189	345	0	0	0
<b>CDTC</b>	188	478	265	175	124	36	6	4
<b>DACCO</b>	62	41	115	42	1	19	3	4
<b>Families First</b>	111	238	130	36	6	41	2	0
<b>Orange County</b>	245	245	215	235	34	17	2	3
<b>St. Lucie</b>	143	105	137	33	2	0	0	0
<b>UF/Rainbow</b>	91	168	139	94	68	14	6	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,215	1,379	1001	804	580	127	19	25

In addition, 1,244 referrals were made during the 2014-2015 year to services other than those listed above. These services include: adoption, clothing, doula, family planning, housing, maternal and child health care, parenting classes, HIV/AIDS counseling, pregnancy centers, smoking cessation, transportation and workforce development.

## BABY RxPRESS

Although the Baby RxPress Program is not an actual component of the TOPWA program, it is utilized by the program when the need arises. The purpose of the Baby RxPress Program is to help HIV-infected mothers who have given birth get the medications their newborns need. The program, which began in 2008, provides medications through a voucher system with Walgreens Pharmacy. Payment is made through funds from the Bureau of Communicable Diseases.

During the 2014-2015 fiscal year, medication was provided to 171 babies at a cost of \$4,395.71. The graph below shows the number of claims by county in 2014-2015.



## **SUMMARY**

Over the past year, the TOPWA program has made tremendous efforts to ensure pregnant women at high risk for HIV are linked to available care in order to have healthy, successful pregnancies. Targeted Outreach for Pregnant Women Act program continued to provide HIV and pregnancy testing to high-risk women, along with gift cards and baby showers. In the 2014-2015 contract year, 9% of the pregnant women enrolled in the TOPWA program were HIV infected; all of the women enrolled were linked to appropriate services. TOPWA sites collaborate with neighboring organizations via health fairs, baby showers and various community events to expand the reach within their individual communities.

The TOPWA program will continue to identify and assist high-risk pregnant women in an effort to ensure the number of perinatal HIV cases continues to decrease.