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Fort Myers, FL—The Lee County Health Department is hosting outreach, education and testing for Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) around the cable television premiere of “Let’s Talk About Sex,” a film that takes a revealing look at how American attitudes toward adolescent sexuality impact teenagers, and April as STD Prevention Month.

It’s estimated more than 10,000 teens catch an STD every day in the United States, according to US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data. The teen rate of infection is double the rate of infection in the remaining sexually active population.

“We are failing our children by not having healthy, productive conversations with them about sex,” said Jim Yarnes, STD program director. “Many teens are out there exploring sex at a young age, and they need parents to help them choose safer sex options.”

Screening is one option that has proven effective in protecting one’s health and preventing the spread of STDs to others. Lee County’s screenings are open to the public on a walk in basis as follows:

April 4th St. John The Apostle Church
3049 McGregor Blvd.
Fort Myers
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

April 5th All Souls Church
14640 N. Cleveland Ave.
North Fort Myers
Time: 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

April 19th St. John The Apostle Church
3049 McGregor Blvd.
Fort Myers
Time: 9:30 a.m.– 3 p.m.

April 24th United Way House
26820 Old Rt. 41
Bonita Springs
Time: 4 p.m.-7 p.m.

For more information or an appointment to have symptoms checked, please call the Lee County Health Department at (239) 461-6100. “Let’s Talk About Sex” airs on TLC at 10 p.m. April 9, 2011.

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