



Charlie Crist
Governor

Ana M. Viamonte Ros, M.D., M.P.H..
State Surgeon General

PRESS RELEASE 9-17-08
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: TIM O'CONNOR 561-355-3576,
LINDA WARREN 561-635-4328

SLAM DUNK TO A HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE

WEST PALM BEACH, FL—Young people are invited to the Gaines Park Recreation Complex Saturday, October 11, 2008 to participate in basketball related activities, win prizes, get educated and “Slam Dunk”, Gang Activities, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, HIV/AIDS and learn self-empowerment skills.

Sponsored by the Palm Beach County Health Department and other social service agencies this first time event will focus on youth 13-24 years old. The main back drop is three point, free throw, and slam dunk competitions that will win the competitors gift certificates, school supplies and other gifts.

Throughout the day, during the 9:00 am to 4:00 pm event, representatives from various agencies will be offering counseling and testing for HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, and Syphilis; organizing workshops on self-empowerment for individuals and families, talking about crime prevention and avoiding gang related activities. Youth will be asked to provide feedback on life experiences, peer pressures and family life to community leaders.

The event is free and includes lunch. To register contact the Palm Beach County Health Department at 561-540-1300 or 561-804-4960. Or visit the website at

www.pbchd.com.

-30-



Post office Box 29 / 826 Evernia Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33402
Jean M. Malecki, MD, MPH, FACPM, Director
www.pbchd.com