



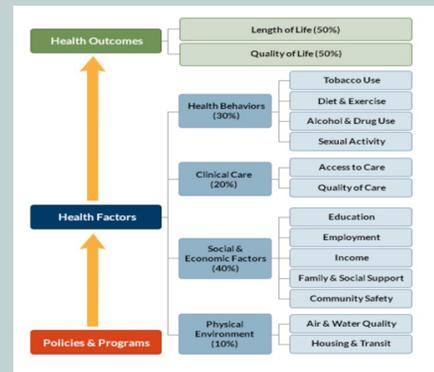
# CHIP Clips

Your source of updates, news, and interesting facts relating to the [Palm Beach County Community Health Improvement Plan \(CHIP\)](#)  
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## Release of County Health Rankings and Community Health Status Indicators

### County Health Rankings

The *County Health Rankings*, a collaboration between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, measure the health of nearly all counties in the nation and rank them within states. The *Rankings*, which were released March 2015, are compiled using county-level measures from a variety of national and state data sources. The *Rankings* show us there are many influences on health: economic, social, behavioral, environmental, and clinical care factors. Health is everyone's business, including employers, educators and urban planners, so all stakeholders in a community must work together to improve health. Palm Beach County placed in the top quartile for Health Outcomes and Health Factors.



SOURCE: University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute

### Top 3 Health Priorities for the Palm Beach County CHIP

- Obesity
- Shortage of Primary and Oral Healthcare Providers for the Uninsured and Underinsured
- Mental and Behavioral Health

### Did you know?

- The World Health Organization and others call the living conditions that can affect health and quality of life the “social determinants of health.”
- Healthy People (HP) 2020 highlights the importance of addressing the social determinants of health by including as one of its four overarching goals, “Create social and physical environments that promote good health for all.”

Click [here](#) for more

SOURCE: CDC and HP 2020

### Community Health Status Indicators (CHSI)

The CHSI is a tool that can generate public health profiles for all of the counties in the United States. You may notice that there are some similarities between the CHSI and Robert Wood Johnson's County Health Rankings. The main difference in these two tools is how the comparisons between the counties are made. The CHSI compares each county in the US against peer counties across the U.S., while the County Health Rankings only rank counties within a state.

For more information, please see:

[CHSI Palm Beach County Profile](#)

For more information:

Click [here](#)

### Partner Spotlight: Health Care District of Palm Beach County

In 1988, Palm Beach County residents decided they wanted to invest in a healthier community. They voted to create the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, an independent taxing district that provides an array of health care services. These services include:

- Trauma System: Life-saving trauma care
- Quality Health Care: Lakeside Medical Center
- School Nurses: Services in 167 public schools in Palm Beach County
- Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation: For residents who require 24-hour inpatient care
- Primary Care Services: For adults and children— Delray Beach, Lantana, WPB, and Belle Glade

For more information, please see: <http://hcdpb.org>

## Did you know?

- When compared to other high-income countries, the US ranks 34th in life expectancy
- Nearly 50 % of Americans suffer from preventable, chronic disease, yet only 3% of health care spending is on prevention and public health programs
- 37% of US adults eat vegetables less than once a day

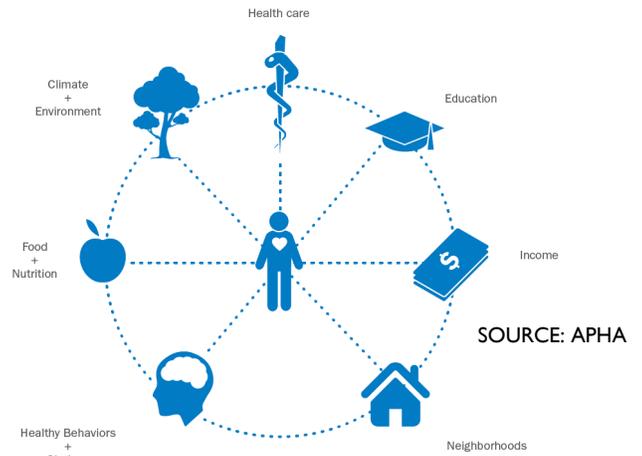
SOURCE: APHA

## National Public Health Week 2015

During the first full week of April each year, the American Public Health Association (APHA) brings together communities across the United States to observe National Public Health Week as a time to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving our nation. This year's theme was Healthiest Nation 2030 and

included topics like comparing US health outcomes to that of other nations, health disparities based on which zip code you live in, building momentum around public health issues, expanding partnerships in our communities, and building on 20 years of National Public Health Week.

For more information, [click here](#).



One of our CHIP objectives is to help people recognize and make healthy food and beverage choices. The [Healthiest Weight Florida](#) initiative shares much in common with the CHIP, including promoting greater consumption of vegetables. More children, adults and families will soon have greater access to Florida grown fruits and vegetables. The Florida Certified Organic Growers and Consumers, Inc. (FOG), a partner of the Healthiest Weight Florida initiative, has been named a recipient of a Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive (FINI) grant aimed at increasing access to fruits and vegetables statewide.

For more information on FOG and FINI, [click here](#).



## CHIP UPDATE

The next CHIP Council Meeting is set for Monday, June 1, 2015, from 2:00-4:30 PM at Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, located at 2300 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach. Please mark your calendars and be on the lookout for the agenda and read-ahead materials!

The revised CHIP was approved in March 2015 – thank you for your feedback in March and during the CHIP Annual Review in November! The CHIP is posted [here](#).

Issues of CHIP Clips are posted at the [Health Department](#) and the [Diabetes Coalition of PBC](#) websites.

Your data is vital to CHIP implementation. Please send Adam your most current updates. You can reach him at 561-671-4057 or [Adam.Reback@flhealth.gov](mailto:Adam.Reback@flhealth.gov).

Also, please send Adam your ideas and comments for the newsletter; he's waiting to hear from you!

