

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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Top 3 Health Priorities for the Palm Beach County CHIP

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

Did you know?

- Prevention programs get only three percent of US health care dollars.
- Our health is profoundly affected by the environment in which we live and work. For example, 35 million homes in the U.S. contain at least one health hazard, such as lead, radon or mold.

SOURCE: APHA [website](#)

National Public Health Week Commemorated April 4-10, 2016

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. For nearly 20 years, APHA has served as the organizer of NPHW. Every year, the Association develops a national campaign to educate the public, policy-makers and practitioners about issues related to each year's theme. This year's theme was "Healthiest Nation 2030: Let's make America the healthiest nation in one generation". The approach to health is very holistic, with a strong emphasis on the social determinants of health. For more information, please see the [NPHW website](#).

Florida Department of Health Achieves National Accreditation

Interim State Surgeon General Dr. Celeste Philip announced on Tuesday, March 15, that the Florida Department of Health has received first-in-the-nation national accreditation as an integrated department of health through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). This seal of accreditation signifies that the unified Florida Department of Health, including the state health office and all 67 county health departments, has been rigorously examined and meets or exceeds national standards for public health performance management and continuous quality improvement. The national accreditation program, jointly supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, sets standards against which the nation's more than 3,000 governmental public health departments can continuously improve the quality of their services and performance. For more information, please visit [Florida Department of Health](#).

Palm Beach County Medical Society Names 2016 Heroes in Medicine



Palm Beach County Medical Society recently announced their 2016 Heroes in Medicine, recognizing people in the local community who are making a difference in health care. Heroes were recognized at the 13th Annual Heroes in Medicine Awards luncheon on Friday, April 15, 2016. Congratulations to Dr. Alina Alonso, 2016 Physician Hero, and Hero of the Year! Please see [PBCMS site](#) for more.

Did you know?

- The number of uninsured nonelderly Americans in 2014 was 32 million, a decrease of nearly 9 million since 2013.
- Low-income working families make up over 40% of the remaining uninsured.
- ACA enrollment data showed that as of June 2015, Medicaid enrollment had grown by 14 million since ACA open enrollment began in October 2013.

SOURCE: [Kaiser Family Foundation](#)

Partner Spotlight: Florida Community Health Centers Inc

Since 1976, Florida Community Health Centers Inc. (FCHC) has been considered a leader in Florida's primary and preventive health care services. Comprehensive primary health care services are provided through a network of health centers surrounding Lake Okeechobee in South-Central Florida. FCHC has service delivery sites in the cities of Clewiston, Indiantown, Okeechobee, Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie, Pahokee, Moore Haven and Stuart, with FCHC's Corporate Office centrally located in West Palm Beach. Their mission is to provide accessible, cost-effective, high quality and comprehensive primary and preventive health care services to all persons, regardless of their socio-economic circumstances. They are also designated as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). A "medical home" model is used, where patients access and benefit from an extensive array of health care providers and services at each location, creating a "one-stop shop" for their primary health care needs. For more information, visit the [FCHC website](#).

The Florida Department of Health joins the American Medical Association (AMA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in their campaign to Prevent Diabetes STAT: **Screen, Test, Act—Today** by raising awareness about the risk factors associated with type 2 diabetes and encouraging all Floridians to take action to lower their risk. Studies show people with prediabetes can prevent or delay type 2 diabetes by losing 5 to 7 percent of their weight by making lasting lifestyle changes to improve nutrition and increase physical activity to 150 minutes each week. Health care practitioners are encouraged to access the [Prevent Diabetes STAT](#) website and download the toolkit as part of the initiative to help prevent type 2 diabetes in their patients. To learn more, please see [DOH site](#).



CHIP UPDATE

The County Health Rankings were released in March 2016. Please see the [website](#) for a wealth of information.

Instead of our normal June CHIP Council meeting, we plan on beginning to develop a new Local Public Health System Assessment, and we need your participation and expertise.

Stay tuned for more information soon!

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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.

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