

# CHIP Clips

Your source of updates, news, and interesting facts relating to our Community's health

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## Palm Beach County Continues as a Highly Rated County in 2017 County Health Rankings

The *County Health Rankings*, a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute initiative, are based on a model of population health that emphasizes the many factors that, if improved, can help make communities healthier places to live, learn, work and play. The 2017 County Health Rankings in Florida demonstrate that Palm Beach County has now improved to eighth in Health Outcomes (how healthy our county currently is) and seventh in Health Factors (how healthy our county might be in the future based on the many factors that influence health). Palm Beach County continues to be a leader among the 67 Florida counties and ranks highest among all Florida large population counties of one million or more people. "These rankings are a testament to the hard work and commitment our community partners have toward assuring a healthy community," said Dr. Alina Alonso. "We at Palm Healthcare Foundation are proud to be a partner in the improved health and wellbeing of our community. The many initiatives that we lead like Let's Move, Diabetes Month and Healthier Together encourage Palm Beach County residents to integrate healthy behaviors into their daily lives. We have already witnessed positive results," said Patrick McNamara, President and CEO of Palm Healthcare Foundation, Inc.

For more on the rankings and to view specific indicators, please click [here](#)

### Florida Department of Health Announces Seven Priority Goals

State Surgeon General Dr. Celeste Philip recently announced the Department's Seven Priority Goals for the next two years. The seven goals are to: increase vaccination rates of children; support all Floridians to achieve the highest level of health possible; develop a trauma system that ensures the highest quality of care for all Floridians; reduce the incidence of HIV infections; reduce rates of infant mortality and infant mortality disparities; decrease the percentage of people that use inhaled nicotine; and to decrease time to issue licenses to health care professionals. Locally, at DOH-Palm Beach, we directly work on all of these except for trauma and licensing of health care professionals, which is done at the State level.



**SOURCE:** County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

### Did you know?

- Drug overdose was by far the single leading cause of premature death by injury in 2015 and contributed to the accelerated rise in premature death from 2014 to 2015.
- Premature death rose in 2015 across the full range of racial and ethnic groups and community types.
- There are about 4.9 million youth and young adults in the US – 1 in 8 – not working or in school. These youth and young adults are disconnected from opportunities to live long and healthy lives.

**SOURCE:** [County Health Rankings– Key Findings](#)

## Did you know?

- Palm Beach County has upwards of 200,000 residents, 64,000 of whom are children, who don't have enough to eat on a daily basis.
- With this in mind, United Way of Palm Beach County and the administrative leadership at Palm Beach County partnered to develop and implement the Hunger Relief Plan .
- The Plan is a major collaboration involving over 60 agencies in our community.

SOURCE: [Community-Wide Hunger Relief Plan](#)

## Partner Spotlight: United Way of Palm Beach County

United Way of Palm Beach County is a local organization whose mission is to improve measurably the lives of individuals and families in Palm Beach County by uniting the resources of donors, volunteers, agencies and the community. The organization helps fund 48 programs focused on education, income and health provided by 45 Palm Beach County nonprofit partners. To advance their community impact, they provide leadership for a number of partnerships with individuals, nonprofits, government agencies, neighborhood associations, and corporations.

A few of these partnerships are:

211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast  
Disaster Recovery Coalition  
Health Council of Southeast Florida  
Nonprofits First  
Palm Beach/Treasure Coast AFL-CIO Community Services  
Community-Wide Hunger Relief Plan

For more information, please see their [website](#)

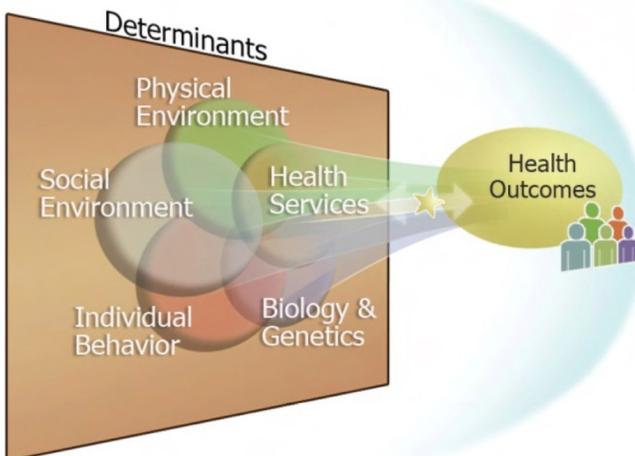
## National Public Health Week

National Public Health week, an initiative of the American Public Health Association, was celebrated from April 3rd– 9th. Many of the priorities from National Public Health Week and Healthiest Nation 2030 directly align with priorities from our past CHIP, as well as the CHIP currently being formulated. Examples include health equity, access to healthy foods, providing quality health care for all, and building healthy, safe communities with opportunities for physical activity.

To learn more, click [here](#)



## CHA / CHIP UPDATE



The new Community Health Assessment has been completed. It can be found on the [Health Care District](#) and [DOH-Palm Beach](#) websites.

Five CHIP development meetings have been conducted as part of the new CHIP process, with one more to come on May 8th before a new CHIP is published in June. Thank you to the Health Council of Southeast Florida for facilitating this process and for the excellent participation from all of our community partners!

Over forty different community agencies/organizations from a wide variety of sectors have participated in this process, and have chosen to focus on Mental & Behavioral Health, Active Living & Healthy Eating, and Access to Care & Services.

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Thanks again to all of our community partners and please look out for the next issue in July!