

CHIP Clips

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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?

- The % of the US population that is uninsured declined 35% over the past five years. Palm Beach County's declined 37.6%!
- In the US in the past five years, the rate of drug deaths has increased 9%, rising 4% in the past year alone.
- Premature death, the years of potential life lost before age 75, increased nationally for the second consecutive year. Palm Beach County's rate has been declining in the same period.

SOURCE: [America's Health Rankings](#)

Sun-Sentinel Special Report Focuses on Mental Illness and the Health Care System

A six-month Sun Sentinel investigation determined that people with mental illness have killed or brutally assaulted at least 500 loved ones in Florida since 2000. During that time, Florida's spending on mental health programs has declined significantly: when adjusted for inflation, the state last year spent one-third less per capita on mental health and drug treatment than it did in 2000, according to a Sun Sentinel analysis of data. More than 500,000 adults in Florida live with a chronic, debilitating mental illness, such as schizophrenia or bipolar disorder. Many lead productive lives with the support of their families and local mental health agencies, and few turn to violence. Those who do often turn against those closest to them. The report tells several of these heart-breaking stories. Over the past decade, nearly 12,000 people have been hospitalized 10 or more times apiece, state data shows. Of those, 627 were hospitalized 35 times or more each. Florida's Baker Act empowers police, judges and mental health workers to hospitalize mentally ill people against their will if they are a danger to themselves or others. However, this special report shows the limitations of the Baker Act and of the mental health system itself, often with terrible consequences.

For the full special report, click [here](#)

2016 America's Health Rankings Released by United Health Foundation

For 27 years, America's Health Rankings® Annual Report has been compiling data on nationwide public health and providing state-by-state rankings.

The report analyzes a comprehensive set of behaviors, community and environment, policy, clinical care, and outcomes data to provide a holistic view of the health of the nation. It also offers a benchmark to compare each state's progress and declines over the past 27 years against national performance. Florida's 2016 ranking was 36th of 50 states. Click [here](#) for more

Did you know?

- Glades Initiative funders include Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, Quantum Foundation, United Way of Palm Beach County, and the Schmidt Family Foundation.
- The Glades Initiative provides food to an average of 5,000 individuals per month to members of its community.

SOURCE: [The Glades Initiative Inc.](#)

Partner Spotlight: The Glades Initiative Inc.

The Glades Initiative was formed in 2002 in response to a need identified by the Board of County Commissioners for Palm Beach County through its Department of Community Services. The mission of The Glades Initiative is to improve the coordination and effectiveness of the health and human service delivery system in the Glades area of Palm Beach County. Their programs include helping Glades residents sign up for health and human service programs, food security/food bank, language classes, background screenings, and much more. Also, in an effort to help foster collaboration among the various agencies located in the Glades as well as those that serve the Glades, the Glades Initiative maintains a calendar of events, training/educational opportunities, meetings, etc.

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

Human Trafficking Awareness Month

During January's Human Trafficking Awareness month, the Florida Department of Health is highlighting the important role that health care providers can play in identifying and helping victims of Human Trafficking, many of whom are minors. Basic Human Trafficking Awareness training, produced by the Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign, has been made available to all department employees. More than 3,600 department staff members have completed this training. Advanced Human Trafficking Training produced by the National Human Trafficking Hotline has been provided to the department's clinical staff.

To learn more, click [here](#)



CHA/CHIP UPDATE

The new Community Health Assessment has been completed in draft form. Be on the lookout for a final version of this very comprehensive document in February!

A new CHIP process will begin in February, culminating with a new CHIP in June. Stay tuned for more information!

Issues of CHIP Clips are posted at the [Health Department](#) website.

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.

A 2016 Annual Update will be completed by the end of January.

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

