

# CHIP Clips

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## Top 3 Health Priority Areas for the Palm Beach County CHIP

- Mental and Behavioral Health
- Active Living and Healthy Lifestyles
- Access to Care and Services

## Did you know?

- From 2010 to 2015, Florida improved its teen birth rate from 32 per 1,000 to 21 per 1,000. The US rate for 2015 was 22 per 1,000.
- From 2010 to 2015, Florida improved its % of high school students not graduating on time, from 29% to 22%. However, the US rate for 2015 was 17%.

## SOURCE:

[2017 Kids Count Profile](#)

## Study Finds Florida Still Behind in Providing for Children

Florida has made significant improvements in providing for its children, a recent study shows. However, the annual [Kids Count](#) study by the Annie E. Casey Foundation says Florida is still well below average compared to other states. The number of uninsured children in Florida dropped to a record low of 7 percent, according to the study, which used data from 2015. The study ranked Florida 44th in health and 45th in economic well-being. The study ranked the state 31st in education and 35th in the family and community category. Access to health insurance is a good starting point, according to University of South Florida researcher Norin Dollard. Data shows that kids with health insurance have better outcomes over their lifetimes, including higher graduation rates and lower smoking rates. As our own Community Health Assessment and CHIP show, social determinants of health such as poverty are a common factor in health outcomes. “We have not changed the percentage of children who live in poverty over this five year period and still nearly one in four children in Florida lives below the poverty line,” Dollard said. To improve, she says, Florida needs to provide better access to health care and early learning opportunities for kids.

Click here for the full [Health News Florida article](#)

## Governor Scott Speaks at Zika Preparedness Planning Meeting

CHIP Objective 2.3 aims to increase education and awareness of Zika virus control and prevention in our community. Recently, Florida Gov. Rick Scott gave the opening remarks at the Florida Department of Health’s Preparedness Planning Meeting, with county health departments, mosquito control districts, and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention representatives also in attendance. Scott and other officials conveyed a message that while case counts are low, Zika is still a threat. Dr. Celeste Philip, the Florida Surgeon General, said all Zika tests will now be processed in Florida, hopefully adding much greater efficiency.

For the full story, please click [here](#)

## Did you know?

- The Jerome Golden Center for Behavioral Health, Inc. was incorporated in 1966 and began offering comprehensive mental health services at its current site in 1970.
- As a designated Baker Act receiving facility, the Center evaluates any person brought to it by the police, courts, physicians, or other mental health professionals

SOURCE: [Jerome Golden Center](#)

## Partner Spotlight: Jerome Golden Center

The Jerome Golden Center for Behavioral Health is an integral community organization for the CHIP priority of Mental and Behavioral Health. The mission of the Jerome Golden Center is to help clients build resiliency, facilitate recovery, and achieve reintegration into the community by designing and delivering behavioral healthcare services that meet their needs and expectations. The Center provides acute and continuing care services to the severely and persistently mentally ill, those with acute psychiatric disorders, those with co-occurring disorders (primary diagnosis of mental illness and substance use disorder), and those in need of crisis support. Their main campus is located at 1041 45th Street in West Palm Beach, while services are available in Belle Glade at 816 NW Avenue D.

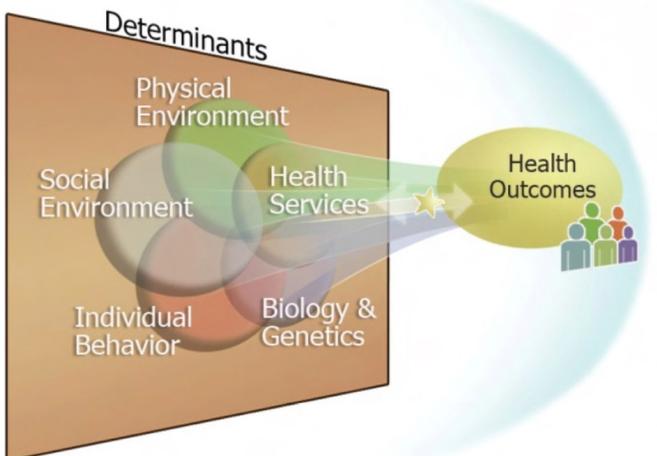
For more information, please visit their [website](#)

### The CHIP is Here. What Now?

Please promote it within your organization and throughout our community! For this purpose, a CHIP PowerPoint, CHIP Talking Points document, and a one page Executive Summary document were disseminated to CHIP Council members via email. These can be used to present information and educate others about the CHIP. Also, please take a look at the Objectives tables in the CHIP and identify data or information on activities within your organization that support the CHIP Objectives. Remember, the CHIP is all of ours! Stay tuned for more to come! You can access the CHA and CHIP on the [DOH-Palm Beach](#) and [Health Council of Southeast Florida](#) websites. Please email Adam Reback at [Adam.Reback@flhealth.gov](mailto:Adam.Reback@flhealth.gov) if you have any questions.



## CHIP UPDATE



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

Your data is vital to CHIP implementation and supports our CHIP objectives. Please send Adam Reback your data and/or ideas for the new CHIP at [Adam.Reback@flhealth.gov](mailto:Adam.Reback@flhealth.gov). He may be contacting you in the near future as well.

Thanks again to the Health Council of Southeast Florida, the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, and all of our community partners in creating our CHIP! This is truly a Plan that our County can be proud of.

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