



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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Palm Beach County Makes Huge Progress in Reducing Black Infant Mortality



SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH
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[Graphic from CDC](#)

Top 3 Priority Areas for the Palm Beach County CHIP

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

Palm Beach County's Black infant mortality is at the lowest level it has ever been. The Black infant mortality rate in Palm Beach County is now 6.0 per 1,000 births. The State of Florida's Black infant mortality rate is 10.8 per 1,000 births and this difference is statistically significant. The Black infant mortality rate for Palm Beach County has dropped from 9.1 in 2015 to 7.1 in 2016 to 6.0 in 2017. We have also been working toward reducing the racial disparity for infant mortality in Palm Beach County. The new rate is reflected in our revised CHIP under Objective 2.4. Congratulations to all of our community partners who have worked on this great accomplishment! In addition, the Black infant mortality rate for Palm Beach County is much lower than the other six urban counties in Florida:

Palm Beach: 6.0

Broward: 8.4

Pinellas (Clearwater/ St. Pete): 11.4

Miami-Dade: 11.5

Hillsborough (Tampa): 13.0

Duval (Jacksonville): 13.6

Orange (Orlando): 15.5

Also: The racial disparity rate for infant mortality in Palm Beach County has dropped below 2.0 for the first time since 2010, to 1.58.

Thanks to Jeff Goodman of the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County for data analysis!

Did you know?

- In 2016, nearly 45,000 Americans age 10 or older died by suicide. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death and is one of just three leading causes that are on the rise.
- Percentage increases in suicide rates ranged from just under 6 percent in Delaware to over 57 percent in North Dakota. Twenty-five states had suicide rate increases of more than 30 percent.

SOURCE: [Florida Trend](#)

Suicide Rates Rising in Florida, U.S.

Suicide rates have been rising in nearly every state, according to the latest [Vital Signs](#) report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Florida's suicide rate increased 10.6 percent from 1999 to 2016, though most states saw larger increases. The report recommends that states take a comprehensive public health approach to suicide prevention and address the range of factors contributing to suicide. This requires coordination and cooperation from every sector of society: government, public health, healthcare, employers, education, media and community organizations. Here in Palm Beach County, we know the importance of Mental and Behavioral Health, as it is one of our three CHIP Priority Areas. Thank you to all who support Palm Beach County CHIP Strategy 1.1.2: Increase support services and interventions for suicide prevention.

To learn more, click [here](#)

Did you know?

- Buses run 7 days a week, serving more than 3,200 bus stops from Jupiter to Boca Raton and west to the Glades. Generally speaking, weekday peak service runs every 30 minutes, off-peak service runs hourly, and weekend service runs hourly on most routes.
- The [Transportation Disadvantaged Bus Pass Program](#) is available for low-income households that can provide proof of household income and household size.

SOURCE: [Palm Tran](#)

Partner Spotlight: Palm Tran

As we know from our CHA and CHIP, one of the key social determinants of health is access to transportation, and we are lucky to have a very extensive public transportation system here known as Palm Tran. Palm Tran's mission is to provide access to opportunity for everyone; safely, efficiently and courteously. Palm Tran provides fixed route bus service throughout Palm Beach County seven days a week, plus special services like Palm Tran Connection. Palm Tran Connection is a shared ride, door-to-door paratransit service that provides transportation for disabled residents and visitors in Palm Beach County under the following programs:

[Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\) Program](#)

[To learn more](#)

[Division of Senior Services \(DOSS\)](#)

[Transportation Disadvantaged \(TD\) Program](#)

Palm Healthcare: Campaign for Better Brain Health Update

Palm Healthcare recently announced that they have raised *and* invested over \$500,000 to better brain health. This includes funding Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training, and in 2018, 474 residents have been MHFA trained. The campaign also includes tackling the opioid crisis through the 100 day challenge. From Palm Healthcare: "The 100-Day Challenge just ended! The overarching goal of the challenge was to establish an operational system that connects anyone with opioid use disorder to appropriate services, including medication assisted treatment." Thanks to all who support this important campaign!

[For more](#)



CHIP UPDATE

Issues of CHIP Clips are posted at the [DOH-Palm Beach](#) website.

Your data is vital to CHIP implementation and supports our CHIP objectives. Please send your data and information to Adam Reback from DOH-Palm Beach. He can be reached at adam.reback@flhealth.gov

The revised CHIP will be released next week based on input from community partners. Thanks again for your participation!

Thanks again to the Health Council of Southeast Florida, the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, and all of our community partners in implementing our CHIP!

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

