

# CHIP Clips

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## Top 3 Health Priorities for the Palm Beach County CHIP

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

## Did you know?

- Palm Healthcare Foundation's three priority areas for **Healthier Together** are diabetes prevention and management, behavioral health and family caregiving.
- Each community will determine its own specific outcomes with neighborhood stakeholders leading the initiative and committing to shared, measurable results to ensure that the work is on the path to success.

**SOURCE:** Healthier Together [website](#)

## Census Bureau: Big jump in health insurance in Palm Beach County (Palm Beach Post article: 9/17/15)

More than 40,000 Palm Beach County residents picked up health insurance in just one year, U.S. Census Bureau estimates released Thursday show. The gains have come nearly across the board, with strongly increased rates of insurance among children, as well as adults who are employed, unemployed and not in the workforce.

Much of the decrease in uninsured people comes through plans under the Affordable Care Act, often called ObamaCare. Figures from the Census Bureau's 2014 American Community Survey suggest Palm Beach County still has about 226,000 people without health insurance. That equates to a rate of 16.3 percent in 2014, down from 19.7 percent in 2013 and 21 percent in 2010. Those percentages track closely to those of Florida, which still has about 3.85 million uninsured residents, the latest estimates show.



Among people 18 to 64 who are working, the rate without health insurance dropped to 22.4 percent, down 4.3 percentage points from a year earlier. Among the unemployed, the number without health insurance dropped to 44.6 percent, down 12.7 percentage points. In that same age group, with people who aren't in the workforce, the rate of uninsured dropped to 23.4 percent, down 4.4 percentage points in just one year.

## Partner Spotlight: Palm Healthcare Foundation

Palm Healthcare Foundation is pleased to introduce its newest strategic initiative, **Healthier Together**, a community-driven, multi-year, place-based, funding approach to solving our community's most complex issues neighborhood by neighborhood. The initiative brings together neighborhood leaders and residents, listens carefully to their needs, and provides financial support and resources to help the neighborhood make positive, healthy changes. **Healthier Together** is working to solve complex issues in the neighborhoods of Jupiter, Delray Beach, The Glades, Lake Worth, Boynton Beach & Riviera Beach. For more information, click [here](#).

**Palm Healthcare's Abigail Goodwin will present on Healthier Together at the CHIP meeting on 11/19. Thanks Abby!**

## Did you know?

- Asian-American kids were less likely than their peers to visit a fast-food joint: Only 8% did so on any given day, on average. That compared with 11.2% of Latino kids, 13.1% of white kids and 13.9% of African American kids
- Children between the ages of 2 and 11 were much less likely than adolescents between the ages of 12 and 19 to dine on fast food.

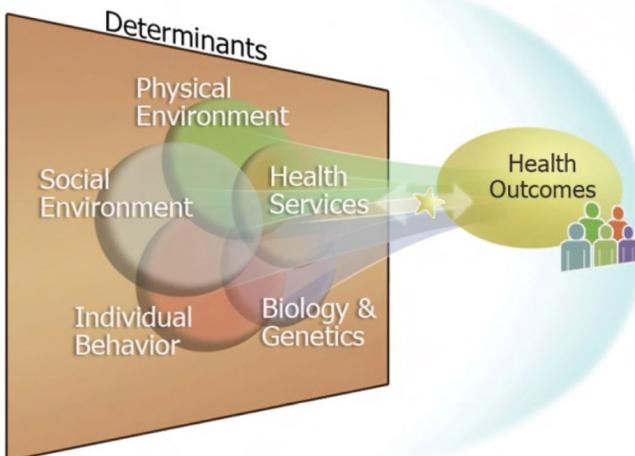
SOURCE: [CDC National Center for Health Statistics](#)

## CDC reveals just how much fast food American kids each day (Sun-Sentinel article: 9/16/15)

More than one in three American kids will eat fast food today, a new government report says. On any given day, 34.3% of U.S. children and teens between the ages of 2 and 19 eats pizza, fried chicken, tacos or some other dish prepared in a fast-food restaurant, according to data collected by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It didn't matter whether these diners were boys or girls. The proportion of daily calories obtained from fast food was statistically equivalent for both genders, according to the [report](#) published by the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics. Nor did it matter whether diners were rich or poor. Kids from families who were close to the poverty line counted on fast food for 11.5% of their daily calories, on average. Kids at the other end of the economic spectrum averaged 13% of their daily calories from fast food. That gap wasn't big enough to be considered statistically significant, the report said.

**Please attend the 11/19/15 CHIP meeting for a presentation on Nutrition Driven by Britnye Underwood from Palm Beach County Food Bank.**

**Caring 4 Palm Beach County** is a new campaign to take care of the medical needs of the poor and uninsured in our community. We are calling upon physicians, hospitals, and diagnostic centers to step forward and donate their services. To learn how you can join this effort, contact Lauren Stoops: [laurens@pbcms.org](mailto:laurens@pbcms.org). Participating organizations include the free and charitable clinics, (Caridad Center in Boynton Beach, My Clinic in Jupiter, Community Health Center of West Palm Beach, and PBC Medical Society's Project Access). For more information, please visit [here](#)



## CHIP UPDATE

The next CHIP Council Meeting will be November 19, 2015, from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM, at Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County.

The November meeting will include a CHIP Annual Review, presentations, and more. Please be on the lookout for an agenda and other materials before the meeting.

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