



# 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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## 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 LPHSA is based on the Ten Essential Public Health Services, the guiding framework for the responsibilities of local public health systems in the USA.
- Palm Beach County scored highest on Essential Service 2: Diagnose and Investigate; the lowest score was Essential Service 8: Assure Workforce.

SOURCE: LPHSA [Report](#)

## Uninsured Rate Down Again in Palm Beach County

One year estimates for 2015 from the US Census Bureau’s American Community Survey were released in September, showing our county’s uninsured rate dropped again, from 16.3% in 2014 to 13.1% in 2015. The table below illustrates that since 2010, our uninsured rate has dropped 8%! We’re also very proud to have surpassed our Palm Beach County CHIP objective of having 15.3% uninsured or less by December 2016! The improvement is due to many factors, including the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and the great work of our health and social service agencies in helping residents sign up for plans. While this is positive improvement, Palm Beach County still has approximately 185,000 uninsured residents.

To see more, click [here](#), select uninsured for the topic, and Palm Beach County for the geography.

### Uninsured Rate

	Palm Beach County	Florida	US
2010	21.0%	21.2%	15.5%
2011	20.2%	20.9%	15.1%
2012	19.9%	20.0%	14.8%
2013	19.7%	20.0%	14.5%
2014	16.3%	16.6%	11.7%
2015	13.1%	13.3%	9.4%

### New Local Public Health System Assessment (LPHSA) Completed

Recently, the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County (DOH-Palm Beach), in partnership with the Health Care District of Palm Beach County (HCD), undertook an initiative to conduct an assessment of the public health system in Palm Beach County.

This [Local Public Health System Assessment](#) is the first step in a larger comprehensive community health assessment occurring within the county. The Health Council of Southeast Florida (HCSEF) was retained to assist with the facilitation of the LPHSA process of gathering and analyzing information from community partners.

**Thanks to the Health Care District, the Health Council of Southeast Florida, and our community partners!**

## Did you know?

- About 13 percent of the adult homeless population are veterans.
- According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, a total of 297,875 service members had signs of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) from October 2001 to March 2013. About 30% of Vietnam War veterans are diagnosed with PTSD.

SOURCE: The Independent Voter Project

## Partner Spotlight: Palm Beach County Community Services: Human and Veteran Services

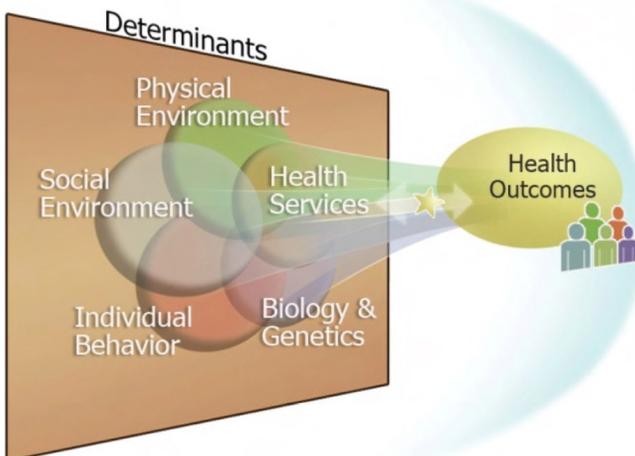
As far back as 1964, the Palm Beach County Division of Human and Veterans Services has existed for the purpose of serving eligible citizens in need. Assistance with basic living expenses, as well as provision of state mandated services has always been the foundation of Division services. Palm Beach County Division of Human Services offers services within four Program Components: Emergency, Self-Sufficiency, Intervention and Homeless Services. Services are delivered throughout our County to residents of all ages; for more information, click [here](#).

## Flu Season

Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccine each fall. Children 6 to 23 months of age are considered at high risk for flu complications and should be immunized. The regular seasonal flu shot is "intramuscular" which means it is injected into muscle (usually in the upper arm). It has been used for decades and approved for use in people 6 months of age and older, For more, see [Florida Department of Health](#)



## CHA / CHIP UPDATE



The Palm Beach County Advisory Council for the CHA had its first meeting on October 18, 2016. Meetings are also scheduled for November 4th and 18th; please check your email for more details. Thanks for your participation!

The new Community Health Assessment report will be published in December 2016. Be on the lookout for this very comprehensive document!

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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](mailto:Adam.Reback@flhealth.gov).

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