

CHIP Clips

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FIU's Center for Labor Research & Studies Releases State of Working Florida 2017 Report



[Graphic from CDC](#)

The recently released report analyzes the period from 2005 through 2016 and finds that, while Florida's economic and employment levels have recovered from the Great Recession, levels of economic security have not improved.

The report shows that increases in the share of low-wage employment and the persistence of wage disparities for women and people of color after the Great Recession enabled an uneven economic recovery and fueled greater income inequality. Findings of this report conclude that 26.6 percent of all Floridians are either poor or near poverty. This means that more than a quarter of Floridians earn income that is 150 percent or less than the federal poverty line. Other conclusions were that black families experience economic insecurity and poverty disproportionately. More than 2 in 5 black Floridians, 40.7 percent, are in or near poverty. This is in contrast to the near poverty rates of Hispanics and whites, 35.1 percent and 23.3 percent respectively. It was also found that while median wages are on an upswing nationally, the Florida median wage has been on a downward trajectory since 2010. In 2016, Florida's median wage was the lowest median wage the state has experienced over the past 11 years.

Click here for the full [Report](#)

Uninsured Rate Drops Again

CHIP Goal 3 is to improve access to comprehensive, quality care and services, and progress on the uninsured rate has continued. In 2016, 12.5% of the state's residents did not have health insurance, compared to 13.3% in 2015. In Palm Beach County in 2016, the uninsured rate was just better than the state's, at 12.3%. The uninsured rate has dropped steadily in Florida as well as in Palm Beach County, from about 20% in 2013, a year before the Affordable Care Act took effect. The number of children with insurance in Florida increased from 92.6% in 2015 to 93.4% in 2016.

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



Top 3 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?

- Between 2005 and 2016, Blacks have experienced unemployment rates that are about two to three times worse than that of Whites in Florida.
- Between 2005 and 2016, 44.5 percent of all new employment was in low-wage jobs.

SOURCE: [Working Florida 2017 Report](#)

Did you know?

- Open enrollment in the 39 states using the federal marketplace starts Nov. 1 and continues until Dec. 15 for coverage that starts Jan. 1, 2018.
- Plans sold on the marketplaces will still offer comprehensive coverage and no one will be turned down or charged more because they have a preexisting medical condition.

SOURCE: [Health News Florida](#)

Partner Spotlight: CareerSource Palm Beach County

Research shows many connections between employment status and health and well-being. With this in mind, CareerSource Palm Beach County is chartered by the state of Florida to develop and retain a high quality workforce system in our County. CareerSource Palm Beach County career centers are instrumental in placing thousands of entry-level through executive suite job seekers. An average of more than 7,500 people each month are helped by specialized services at CareerSource Palm Beach County career centers in West Palm Beach and Belle Glade. The West Palm Beach location is 3400 Belvedere Road, and the Belle Glade location is 1085 South Main Street. Career center services are free to both employers and job seekers.

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

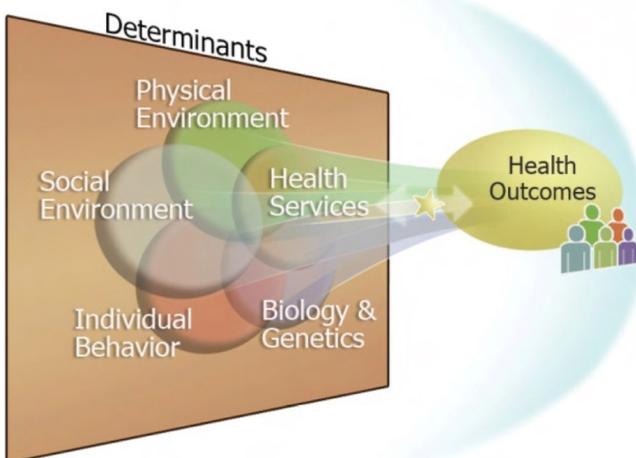
October is Take Your Loved One to the Doctor Month

The Florida Department of Health's Office of Minority Health and Health Equity invite you to join the statewide campaign "Take a Loved One to the Doctor Month." Take a Loved One to the Doctor *Day* is a national campaign encouraging people to take charge of their own health and then to encourage their loved ones to do the same – however we're extending the day to all of October. The 2017 campaign theme is "Knowledge is Power, Know your Screening Numbers." Knowing your health numbers is an excellent way to maintain and improve your health. "It's so important for loved ones to work together in promoting healthy decisions within your household or extended family," said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. Celeste Philip.

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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. There will be more to come soon on this from the Health Council of Southeast Florida. Please note that Celine Ginsburg is no longer with the Health Council and her duties for now are being performed by Tiffany Parrish and Andrea Stephenson. Tiffany can be reached at tparrish@hcsef.org.

Our next Palm Beach County CHIP Advisory Council Meeting: Nov. 29, 2017, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. 2701 N Australian Avenue

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!