



# CHIP Clips

Your source of updates, news,  
and interesting facts relating to  
the Palm Beach County  
Community Health  
Improvement Plan (CHIP)  
**October 2019**

## State of Florida Targets Seven Counties, Including Palm Beach, to Combat HIV



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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

More than \$490,000 is being doled out to seven Florida counties, including Palm Beach and Broward, as part of a national effort to try to eradicate HIV and AIDS in the next 10 years. The funding is made possible as part of the [Ending the HIV Epidemic](#) initiative, which was announced by the Trump administration this year. Money became available for counties to spend Oct. 1. The new grant funding announcement was made during a National Latino HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Event. Lieutenant Governor Nunez outlined Florida's four-step plan that includes routine testing for HIV and sexually transmitted diseases and access to pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis to prevent the spread of HIV. Nunez said there has been an "incredible increase" in the spread of HIV in the Latino community, noting that Latinos accounted for 34 percent of the new HIV diagnoses in Florida in 2018. The funding Nunez announced recently all came from federal grant dollars; there are no additional state dollars being targeted at the county health departments as part of the plan. Nunez gave assurances that the state would avail itself of all funding coming its way.

To learn more, please click [here](#)

### Did you know?

- In 2017, more than 70,000 people died from drug overdoses, making it a leading cause of injury-related death in the United States. Of those deaths, almost 68% involved a prescription or illicit opioid.
- On average, 130 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose.

### Health News Florida Explains Ongoing Opioid Litigation

In a recent article, Health News Florida provided a guide to the ongoing opioid litigation going on throughout the country. An 11th-hour settlement on October 21st averted what would have been the first trial in a landmark federal case, one involving thousands of plaintiffs at nearly every level of government and defendants from every link in the chain of opioid drug production. All the other lawsuits in the broader case remain on track for courtroom confrontations. The cost of the opioid crisis is estimated at tens of billions of dollars and more than 200,000 overdose deaths since the late 1990s.

To learn more, please see [here](#)

SOURCE: [CDC Opioids Portal](#)

## Did you know?

- FQHCs are community-based health care providers that receive funds from the HRSA Health Center Program to provide primary care services in underserved areas.
- FQHCs qualify for enhanced reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid.

SOURCE: [Genesis Community Health](#)

## Partner Spotlight: Genesis Community Health

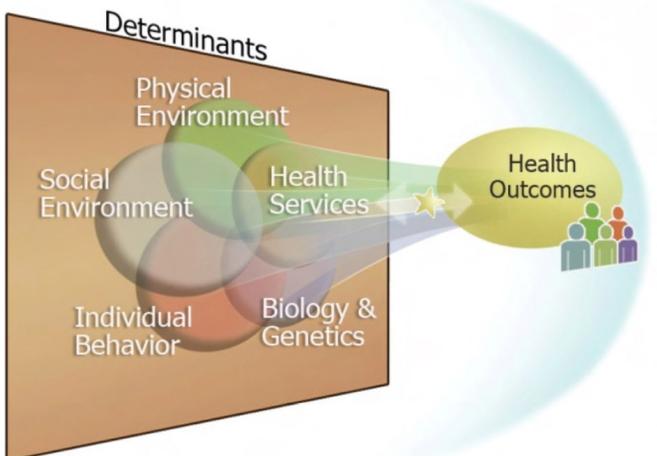
Genesis Community Health is a non-profit, federally qualified healthcare clinic dedicated to serving patients of all economic levels in Palm Beach County. Genesis was formed in 2009 in response to a community needs assessment that identified Boynton Beach as an area of need with a severe lack of access to primary care. This need was based upon evaluation of services available, high incidence of poverty and uninsured in the area, and high usage of the emergency room for primary care. Genesis Community Health was formed specifically to meet the needs of its patients. Since officially opening its doors in 2010, Genesis Community Health has become the medical home for more than 6,000 patients from Boynton Beach, Boca Raton, and the surrounding areas.

To learn [more](#)

### Florida Department of Health Takes a Look at Outbreak of Lung Injury Associated with Vaping

State and federal agencies have been coordinating over the past several weeks to investigate [cases of Lung Disease Associated with E-Cigarette Use or Vaping](#). While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have not identified a cause, all reported cases appear to be linked to e-cigarette use, or vaping. The Florida Department of Health is responding to this emerging public health issue in numerous ways, including monitoring and conducting surveillance of lung disease that is associated with electronic cigarette or vaping use.

For [more](#)



## CHIP UPDATE

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

The next CHIP Council meeting has been set for December 17th, 2019, from 2:00-4:00 PM. The meeting will take place at 2701 N. Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

Thanks 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!