

# CHIP Clips

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and interesting facts relating to  
the Palm Beach County  
Community Health  
Improvement Plan (CHIP)  
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## Palm Beach County Community Services and Partners Aim to Increase Economic Mobility in PBC



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Palm Beach County Community Services has launched an initiative called [Securing our Future](#). The initiative, in partnership with Birth 22 United for Brighter Futures and the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health & Human Services (CAC/HHS), seeks to create pathways for economic mobility for families with children ages 0-18 who are living below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL) with a special emphasis on families that are 100% or below FPL and have the ability to work. Their model aims to provide support benefits to help families meet their basic needs and increase financial stability while improving individual life skills, building human and social capital and creating opportunities for personal and professional growth. They also plan to develop partnerships that strengthens the local eco-system to offer skill building, mentorship and career exposure for youth and adults to facilitate more on-ramp quality employment opportunities; and develop a local, state and federal policy agenda that reduces barriers to employment for low-income households and vulnerable populations. Thank you to our CHIP Advisory Council members who are also actively involved in this important initiative! To read more about the history, mission, values, goals, and guiding principles of the initiative, please visit their [website](#). There is also an accompanying [Economic Mobility Report](#) full of useful information.

### Health News Florida Highlights Need to Revamp Long-Term Care

In a recent article, Health News Florida explained that the Florida Healthcare Association and AARP have recently been touting the message to pay attention to long-term care. Florida's population is getting older and according to federal data, in 10 years, a third of Floridians will be over 60. That milestone comes as the state's funding for programs like home care, nursing home funding, and caregiver support lags behind. The AARP's Dave Bruns says its past time for the state to take a look at aging; "What we need is a continuum of care. Care that starts with folks helping up their parents, grandparents and spouses with just a few things." Medicare, the federal healthcare program for people over 65, does not cover nursing home care long-term, and insurance options for long-term care are few and far between.

To learn more, please see [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?

- The [Securing Our Future Economic Mobility Report](#) reveals statistical information by reporting select indicators within eight domains that are related to economic mobility. The eight (8) domains are: Economy, Health, Housing, Food, Education, Crime, Transportation, and Child Care.

SOURCE: [Economic Mobility Report](#)

### Did you know?

- Palm Health Foundation serves as the backbone organization and fiscal agent for BeWellPBC and houses the new entity at its West Palm Beach office. Lauren Zuchman, former Executive Director of Healthier Delray Beach, serves as BeWellPBC's Executive Director.
- BeWellPBC emphasizes understanding and addressing equity barriers in behavioral health care.

**SOURCE:** [Palm Health Foundation](#)

## Partner Spotlight: BeWellPBC

BeWellPBC is a local initiative, launched in January 2019, that is engaging the community's residents, systems and sectors in meaningful ways to address the county's behavioral health needs collectively, with the promise that we can do better for our children, families and neighbors. The topic of behavioral health in Palm Beach County is top of mind for many residents. Current events, including the Parkland shooting and high profile suicides, have placed an important spotlight on this issue. This heightened awareness has touched our entire community, regardless of socioeconomic status, age or education level. An urgency to meet the complex challenges related to behavioral health in a new, innovative way has arisen and will be addressed through BeWellPBC. Collectively, BeWellPBC will ensure that every person in Palm Beach County feels hopeful, supported, connected and empowered. BeWellPBC partners include Palm Health Foundation, The Celia Lipton Farris & Victor W. Farris Foundation, Quantum Foundation, Children's Services Council, Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties, Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network, Palm Beach County, United Way of Palm Beach County, the School District of Palm Beach County, and the Health Care District of Palm Beach County.

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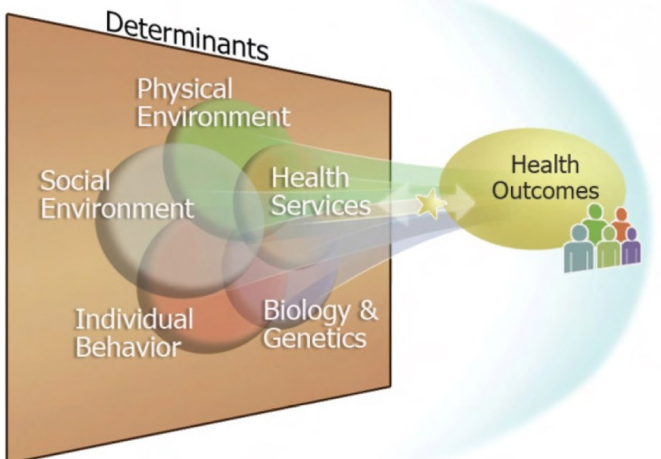
### Department of Health Awards \$4.5 Million in Grants to Florida Research Institutions Working to End Alzheimer's

The Florida Department of Health announced the 2019-2020 grant awards for 22 projects, totaling \$4.5 million, to support research leading to the prevention of, or cure for, Alzheimer's Disease. Funding is provided through the Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program that supports research for better prevention, diagnosis, treatments and cures for Alzheimer's Disease. The research grants were awarded through a peer-reviewed, competitive process based on recommendations by the Alzheimer's Disease Research Grant Advisory Board. Eight Florida institutions were awarded grants, including Florida Atlantic University (FAU) locally.

[To learn more](#)



## CHIP UPDATE



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

Thank you to all who participated in the CHIP Council meeting on December 17, 2019, and especially to our presenters from the Health Council of SE Florida, Health Care District, and BeWellPBC.

Thanks also 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!