

CORE VALUES

- Excellence
- Commitment to Service
- Accountability
- Empowerment
- Integrity
- Respect
- Teamwork
- Compassion



MISSION

The St. Lucie County Health Department is dedicated to promote, protect and improve the health of all people in St. Lucie County

VISION

A healthier future for the people of St. Lucie County

Hello St. Lucie County!

The St. Lucie County Health Department provides many services to people in our community. These services range from assuring safe drinking water to promoting healthier lifestyles. We and our many community partners work to provide access to affordable health and dental health care, contain infectious diseases, and respond to disasters and other public health events like the H1N1 pandemic. As part of our observance of National Public Health Week, I encourage you to browse through this report and learn more about what the health department, along with its partners and volunteers, are doing to promote and protect our community's health.



The recent economic downturn has presented unique challenges to our health department as it has for many of you. While the demand for our services is increasing, the revenue streams we rely on have been decreasing. Despite these challenges, we strive to maintain quality services, meet the expectations of our community, and continue to prepare for a changing world. This necessitates that we continually assess the value and impact of our services, find new approaches for carrying out our work, identify new resources, strengthen our collaborations, and maximize efficiencies.

We recognize that we are not alone in working to improve the health of St. Lucie County residents. Public health depends on partnerships, and as a community, St. Lucie County has demonstrated a commitment to build and maintain a strong public health network. We have many examples of community coalitions that work together to improve health and quality of life for our residents, and as a health department we are indebted to the organizations and individuals that join with us in working to achieve public health's vital mission.

We are especially proud to be a part of the St. Lucie County Health Access Network (also known as "HANDS"). HANDS is a coalition of community agencies working to help improve the health of our county through a variety of services including a children's oral health initiative, a volunteer supported medical clinic, and disease management services to help those with chronic illnesses improve the quality of their lives.

We were pleased to see significant progress in this year's county health ranking report, which compares health outcomes of Florida's 67 counties and the factors which influence those outcomes. When comparing the determinants of health outcomes, which include health behaviors, clinical care, socio-economic factors, and the physical environment, St. Lucie County ranked 34th this year compared to 48th in 2010. We will continue working hard to improve the quality of life in our county. The complete report on the county health rankings can be viewed at www.countyhealthrankings.org/florida. A lot of people are working hard to improve the quality of life in our county and we are making progress.

Lastly, I am proud of our dedicated and highly trained public health employees. They are truly caring and capable people dedicated to public service.

Larry Lee
Administrator

Our Strategic Plan...

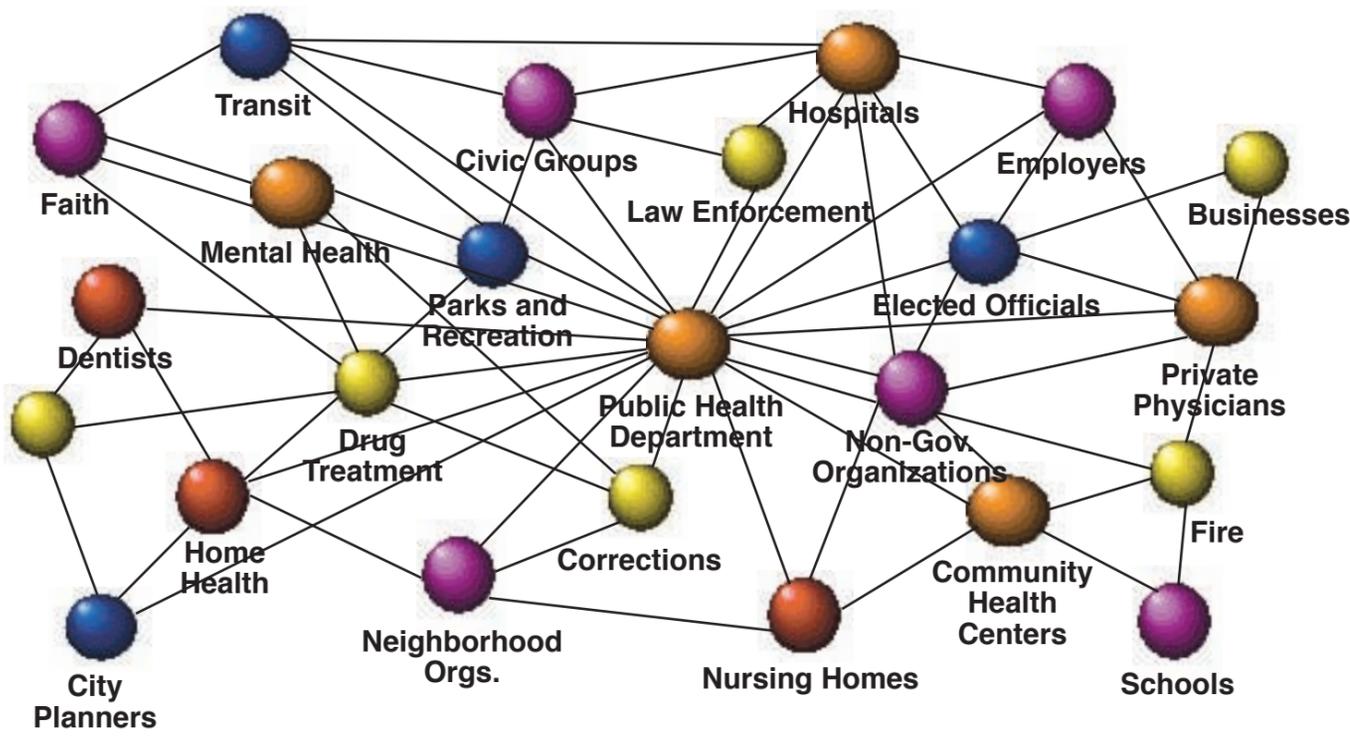


1. Protect St. Lucie County's residents and visitors from disease, injury, environmental risks, and disasters
2. Promote the healthy behavior of St. Lucie County's residents and visitors and their communities
3. Increase access to health care for St. Lucie County's residents and visitors
4. Optimize the Department's capacity to achieve its goals

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND ALLIANCES

Creating Alliances

To meet community expectations, and meet the standards of a functional local health department, the St. Lucie County Health Department staff must serve in a variety of roles including advisor, convener, collaborator, connector, consultant, analyst, developer, innovator, regulator, educator and provider.



Below are only some of our community partners working with us to improve the health outcomes for our community.



Ft. Pierce Site:
714 Avenue C
Ft. Pierce, FL
34950

(772) 462-3800
www.StLucieCountyHealth.com

A Medicaid Provider for St. Lucie County

Port St. Lucie Site:
5150 N.W. Milner Dr.
Port St. Lucie,
FL 34983

Grand Opening for St. Lucie County's Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Program and ONLY Medicaid Pediatric Dental Clinic Serving St. Lucie West



National Public Health Week

April 3-10, 2011



A Healthier St. Lucie County

Pool Safety is everyone's responsibility.

CLINIC SERVICES

- Pediatric Services
- Limited Adult Health Services
- Child and Adult Immunizations
- Pediatric Dental Care
- Tuberculosis (TB)
- Family Planning
- Laboratory Services for Patients Only
- Medicaid Eligibility Determination
- Pregnancy Testing and Counseling
- OB Services

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- Beach Water Quality
- St. Lucie River Sampling
- Biomedical Waste/Body Art
- Migrant Housing
- Mobile Home Parks
- Fuel Storage Tanks
- SUPER Act Water Well Surveillance
- Septic Tanks
- Sanitary Complaints
- Rabies Surveillance
- Arbo-virus Surveillance
- Indoor Air Quality
- Indoor Tanning Facilities
- Limited Use Drinking Water Systems
- Water Well Construction
- Food Hygiene
- Group Care Facility Inspections
- Swimming Pools

HEALTH PROMOTION & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

- Chronic Disease Prevention: Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular
- Injury Prevention: Drowning Awareness & Prevention and Summer Safety
- Volunteers
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention
- Tobacco Prevention and Education
- School Health

HIV/AIDS PREVENTION & PATIENT CARE

- Confidential HIV Counseling & Testing/STD Screens
- HIV/AIDS Education
- Evidence-based Interventions
- Community Outreach
- Early Intervention
- Healthy Start Services
- Community Planning
- Special Projects
- Special Studies
- Workshops
- Community Mobilization
- Jail-Link Program
- Project AIDS Care (PAC)
- AIDS Drugs Assistance Program (ADAP)
- Contract Management
- Ryan White Part C Program – Medical, Lab, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, & Dental
- TOPWA - Targeted Outreach For Pregnant Women Act
- AIDS Surveillance

VITAL STATISTICS

- The data gathered from birth and death certificates is used to identify the health of the community.

WIC AND NUTRITION SERVICES

- Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Nutrition program is here for you! Who is eligible?
 - Pregnant, breastfeeding, post-partum women, infants & children under age 5.
 - Current residents of Florida.
 - Meets income guidelines - www.FloridaWIC.org

WIC offers:

- Healthy foods for optimal growth & development
- Nutrition education & counseling
- Expert breastfeeding support & breastpump loan program
- Referrals to healthcare & dental care

WIC participation:

- Improves pregnancy outcomes
- Reduces the incidence of anemia
- Improves children's readiness to learn

WIC is an equal opportunity provider.

EPIDEMIOLOGY

- Communicable Disease Prevention
- Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention
- Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention
- Childhood Lead Investigations
- HIV Surveillance
- Special Outbreak Investigations

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

- Response Partnerships
- Medical Reserve Corps
- Special Needs Shelters
- Mass Casualty Events
- Pandemic Influenza
- Bioterrorism Emergencies
- Hurricane and Natural Disasters
- Strategic National Stockpile



Photo by Mitch Kloorfain, courtesy of Hometown News

A ribbon cutting was held for WIC and the new pediatric dental clinic located at 531 NW Lake Whitney Place, Suites 101 and 106 – Port St. Lucie FL 34986.

The SLC Health Department understands that the lack of basic dental services for children negatively impacts the child's readiness to learn, and the expansion of this dental clinic will begin to close the gap for children in our county.

ONLY Medicaid Pediatric Dental Clinic Serving St. Lucie West



Photo by Mitch Kloorfain, courtesy of Hometown News

Marisela Newton, a Nutrition Educator in WIC, counsels parents on healthy food choices and physical activity to meet their daughter's nutrition and growth needs.

National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day



St. Lucie County HIV/AIDS Program was selected out of 67 counties to host and co-sponsor the National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day of Pampering and Health Education by DOH Office of Women's Health. The event was held at the Havert Fenn Center on Saturday, March 12, 2011 with 150 participants, 25 vendors, health screens (BP, Glucose, and HIV/STD), photos, food and fun. Kamarica Gammon, Luncheon keynote speaker and a very special young lady, community activist and person living with HIV/AIDS embraced the crowd with her story creating laughter and tears.

Imagine living in a world without public health:

Where life expectancy is 47. The food isn't safe. There are no school nurses. There are no vaccinations for diseases. The drinking water is dirty. Almost everyone is sick. Medical costs skyrocket. Sewers and septic systems don't exist. People live next to toxic waste. Death rates are higher. Kids don't have a safe place to play.

See the video on our website: www.stluciecountyhealth.com



Your County Health Department keeps your community safe and protected every day.

Did you know Florida loses 3 to 4 classrooms of Pre-K children each year to DROWNING?

www.waterprooffl.com/index

