

Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Healthy Communities, Healthy People Program

Fact Sheet

The Healthy Communities, Healthy People Program (HCHP), funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, works with each of the 67 Florida County Health Departments to promote community based efforts for chronic disease prevention. The overall program goal is to increase the percentage of adults at a healthy weight which will have a significant impact on the leading causes of disease and disability including heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes, and arthritis.

Department of Health Responsibilities:

- Provides funding, guidance, and training to help communities develop, and implement evidence based programs
- Evaluates the progress and success of community-based programs in accomplishing goals and objectives, based on Healthy People 2020 objectives for nutrition/weight status and physical activity
- Reports on progress with Florida's legislatively mandated Healthy Communities/Healthy People Act
- Ensures that all allocated funding sources are maximized to provide community level services
- Partners with state, federal, public and private organizations to address chronic disease prevention and health promotion activities

Community Level Responsibilities

- Develops, mobilizes and engages partnerships in communities, worksites, faith based institutions, schools, and health care settings to inform, educate, and implement policy and environmental changes that address chronic disease risk factors
- Participates in and assumes a leadership role in the community for chronic disease issues
- Develops and implements local impact objectives to reduce chronic disease risk through healthy eating and active living programs
- Educates communities and their leaders on chronic disease statistics, needs, and opportunities for improvement in the community
- Participates on local health councils

Examples of county level successes:

- Work site policies to promote healthy eating and physical activities among employees
- Health care providers promoting healthy eating and physical activity
- Healthy food choices in vending machines and cafeterias
- Conveniently located farmers markets and community gardens
- Faith-based organizations providing health education
- Increased accessibility to safe areas for physical activity such as joint use of school facilities