

LORHN news & updates



Summer 2021

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Greetings partners and residents,

As we move into the summer of 2021, we look forward to continuing working with our partners and engaging new ones throughout our service area. We are also excited to announce a new federal grant from HRSA that will engage our network members, partners, and new stakeholders to complete a telehealth needs assessment for the region (join us, more information below).

As we continue to implement programs and provide services, Lake Okeechobee Rural Health Network (LORHN) remains committed to supporting and improving the health and safety of our communities. LORHN staff is here to help individuals, and community partners, connect with the resources they need.

We continue to work closely with our Network members and partners to provide information and link individuals with organizations and services they need; we are continuing to follow these guidelines:

- Maintain consistent communication with community partners to provide timely information, education and support.
- Offer all LORHN health education workshops via Zoom, at varying times and days of the week to meet the schedule and demands of our communities.
- Provide education and training via virtual meetings with local and regional partners.
- Keep our fingers on the pulse of emerging needs and trends to guide future network and project planning.

Be well and stay safe,

Andrea Stephenson Royster
Chief Executive Officer



Community Programs



Get Involved

Telehealth Needs Assessment for Lake Okeechobee Communities

LORHN has been awarded a \$100,000 **Rural Health Network Planning Grant** from the US. Human Resource Service Administration (HRSA) to conduct a telehealth needs assessment for Western Palm Beach (the Glades), Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee counties. The assessment will include various healthcare providers and stakeholders from each community, as well as input from residents. The 12-month project will culminate with a completed Telehealth Needs Assessment, marketing plan, and business plan for the Network and its members. LORHN will be identifying partners and stakeholders to join the Telehealth Advisory Group; contact us if you would like to be involved.

Screening & Linkage for Social Determinants of Health

LORHN continues to serve Glades residents via a screening assessment in the **Unite Us platform** (thank you, Health Care District) to identify what needs clients may have and work with them one-on-one to set and meet

How Can We Help?

Serving residents in Belle Glade, South Bay, Pahokee, and Canal Point. We'll come to you!

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 (888) 880-8242 Lake Okechobee Rural Health Network, Inc. (561) 557-9273
 info@lorhn.org

personal goals that can lead to improvement in their health and quality of life.

These may include but are not limited to establishing a medical home, enrolling in health insurance, housing, employment services, migrant farmworker resources, veteran resources, discounted medication, or getting durable medical equipment or supplies, etc.

Thank you to community partners that have agreed to provide space for LORHN to provide these services to Glades residents: *Conviva Care Center Everglades, Pahokee Housing Authority, Noah's Ark Child Development Center, South Bay Villas, L.O.T. Health Services, Quiet Waters, and others.*

Share Flyer

If you know someone who may benefit from these services, contact LORHN's Community Health Advocate directly via call or text (863) 532-3059.

Opioid Data to Action (OD2A)

The opioid epidemic continues to affect individuals and families and take the lives of Palm Beach County residents. LORHN's team aims to educate and support individuals and families negatively impacted by opioid-related disorders.

Our Community Health Advocate continues to serve residents of the Glades, providing:

- opioid-related prevention education
- risk-reduction activities
- linkage to community partners
- link and/or re-link individuals into treatment and support services

Contact our team to schedule an education session or refer a new client to us. **Download and share our flyer.**

Understanding Opioids, Addiction, Prevention & Recovery

- What are opioids
- How they affect our brain
- Signs of dependence
- Alternative therapies
- Recovery resources

1-hour session

Contact our team to schedule a presentation

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Schedule A Session

Virtual Health Education Workshops

LORHN continues to provide our health education workshops throughout our service region. Workshops are provided as series, offered free of charge to all, and participants that complete them receive a certificate and other items from LORHN. Available educational workshops include:

"Your Health Matters"

A 3-week series that teaches participants how to navigate the healthcare system, where to go for healthcare needs (ER vs Urgent Care vs Primary Care), how to communicate with healthcare providers, understanding medications and how to use them, healthy eating and staying healthy.

Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) & Diabetes Self-Management Program (DSMP)

These evidence-based workshops are a 6-week series and provide participants with skills, knowledge, and self-management tools to manage their chronic (physical and mental) conditions as well as Type 2 Diabetes. Participants will receive a copy of *Living A Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions* and a *meditation CD*.

NEW Mental Health First Aid (Adult)

In May 2021, LORHN staff became certified leaders to facilitate in-person and virtual Mental Health First Aid training and will be offering the class to rural residents.

Mental Health First Aid teaches how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders.



[Schedule A Workshop](#)

Health Insurance for the Whole Family

Enrollment for Adults (18+)

Under the American Rescue Plan for COVID-19 CMS has extended opportunities to enroll in health insurance; the deadline to apply is August 15, 2021.

- Any consumer eligible to use the marketplace can enroll
- The effective date is the 1st of the month after plan selection
- **No qualifying event is necessary**

Additional information can be found at www.healthcare.gov.

Contact us today to refer a family to us for free help, ask a question, set up an appointment, or get resources to share.

LORHN staff can also assist with Medicaid and Florida KidCare applications. We refer any clients with Medicare enrollment or questions to their local [SHINE counselor](#).

Get Help

LORHN Community Resource Guides

**NEED HEALTH
INSURANCE?
WE CAN HELP!**

www.HCSEF.org
888-880-8242



**DUE TO THE COVID
PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY**

**SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD
ENDS AUGUST 15, 2021**

**LET'S GET YOU
COVERED**



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APPOINTMENT
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DEADLINE IS 8/15/21

**DON'T MISS
the DEADLINE**



**AVAILABLE DAILY | FLEXIBLE TIMES
ALL APPOINTMENTS VIA TELEPHONE OR VIDEO**

**NOW IS THE TIME TO ENROLL OR
CHANGE YOUR PLANS. EVEN IF YOU
ARE ALREADY ENROLLED!**

**STARTING APRIL 1, ADDITIONAL
CREDITS AND/OR SUBSIDIES
AVAILABLE TO LOWER COSTS
FOR SOME PEOPLE**





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County Transportation
(863) 412-4646

School District
(863) 946-2202

County Administration
(863) 946-6000

Library
(863) 946-0744

Parks & Recreation
(863) 946-0773

Veteran Services
(772) 288-5448

Florida Rural Legal Services
(888) 582-3450

SUICIDE HOTLINE

1-800-273-8255

MEDICAL SERVICES

- Hendry Regional Medical Center | (863) 902-3000
- Dr. James D. Forbes Family Care Center | (863) 983-3434
- Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center | (863) 675-2356
- Florida Community Health Centers - Moore Haven | (863) 946-0405

SENIOR SERVICES

- Hope Connections | (855) 454-3164
- Medicare SHINE Counselor | (866)-413-5337
- Alzheimer's Association | (800) 272-3900
- FL Elder Abuse Hotline | (800) 962-2873

MEDICAL & SOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES

- Clinics Can Help (Medical Supplies) | (561) 640-2995
- Quit Smoking Program | (877) 819-2357
- Abuse Counseling & Treatment Inc. | (239) 939-3112 (24 hour Crisis Hotline)

FOOD

- Glades County WIC Services | (863) 946-0707
- St. Joseph Food Pantry | (863) 946-0696
- Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice | (844)-385-2407

HOUSING & UTILITIES

- American Red Cross | (239) 278-3401
- SHIP Down Payment Assistance | (863) 946-6124
- Catholic Charities | (239) 337-4193
- LIHEAP | (863) 983-2774

PREGNANCY & CHILD CARE

- Glades WIC Services | (863) 946-0707
- Healthy Start Program | (239) 332-9573
- Healthy Start Coalition of Southwestern Florida | (239) 425-6920

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (LOW-COST OR FREE)

- Mental Health Coalition of Hendry-Glades
- Center for Progress & Excellence (CPE) | (844) 395-4432
- NAMI Hendry, Lee, Charlotte | (239) 337-9024
- Lutheran Services | (239) 278-5400
- Abuse Counseling & Treatment (ACT) | (239) 939-3112
- Children's Advocacy Center | (239) 939-2808

EMPLOYMENT

- Career Resource Center Southwest FL | (863) 983-6138
- Goodwill Industries of Southwest FL | (239) 895-3106
- Dress for Success Southwest FL | (239) 689-4992

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Emergency Operations Center
(863) 674-5400

County Transportation
(800) 290-0129

School District
(863) 674-4642

County Administration
(863) 675-5220

Veteran Services
(863) 675-5250

Florida B. Thomas Library
(863) 670-3322

Yaughn Public Library
(863) 675-5347

Barron Library
(863) 670-0833

Parks & Recreation
(863) 675-5347

Veteran Services
(863) 675-5250

Florida Rural Legal Services
(888) 582-3450

SUICIDE HOTLINE

1-800-273-8255

MEDICAL SERVICES

- Hendry Regional Medical Center | (863) 902-3000
- Dr. James D. Forbes Family Care Center - Clewiston | (863) 983-3434
- Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center - LaBelle | (863) 675-2356
- Florida Community Health Centers - Clewiston | (863) 983-7813

SENIOR SERVICES

- Hope Connections | (863) 675-1576
- Medicare SHINE Counselor | (239) 662-6900 x58259
- Alzheimer's Association | (800) 272-3900
- FL Elder Abuse Hotline | (800) 962-2873

HUMAN & SOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES

- Clinics Can Help (Medical Supplies) | (561) 640-2995
- Quit Smoking Program | (877) 819-2357
- Ross Dynasty Cars | (863) 233-6500
- Abuse Counseling & Treatment Inc. | (239) 939-3112 (24 hour Crisis Hotline)

FOOD

- Harry Chapin Food Bank | (239) 334-7007
- United Way/Salvation Army - Clewiston | (863) 233-6190
- United Way/Salvation Army - LaBelle | (863) 674-1441

HOUSING & UTILITIES

- SHIP Down Payment Assistance | (863) 675-5297
- American Red Cross | (239) 278-3401
- Immokalee Friendship House | (239) 657-4090
- Catholic Charities | (239) 337-4193
- The Salvation Army | (863) 674-4652
- FL Housing Discrimination | (800) 669-9777

PREGNANCY & CHILD CARE

- Hendry County WIC Services & Breastfeeding Support | (863) 302-6029
- Healthy Families Home Visiting Program | (863) 302-6037
- Healthy Start Coalition of Southwestern Florida | (239) 425-6920
- Early Learning Coalition | (239) 935-6100

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (LOW-COST OR FREE)

- Center for Progress & Excellence (CPE) | (844) 395-4432
- NAMI Hendry, Lee, Charlotte | (239) 337-9024
- Lutheran Services | (239) 278-5400
- Abuse Counseling & Treatment (ACT) | (239) 939-3112
- Children's Advocacy Center | (239) 939-2808

EMPLOYMENT

- Career Resource Center Heartland | (863) 983-6138
- Goodwill Industries of Southwest FL | (863) 674-0559
- Dress for Success Southwest FL | (239) 689-4992

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Emergency Operations Center
(863) 763-3212

County Transportation
963-357-9900

School District
(863) 462-5000

County Administration
(863) 763-6443

Okeechobee County Public Library
(863) 763-3536

Parks & Recreation
(863) 763-6950

Florida Rural Legal Services
(772) 466-4766

Veteran Services
(863) 763-6443

SUICIDE HOTLINE

1-800-273-8255

MEDICAL SERVICES

- Rauberson Hospital | (863) 763-2151
- Florida Community Health Centers, Inc. (Adults and OB/GYN) | (863) 763-7481
- Florida Community Health Centers, Inc. (Pediatrics and Dental) | (863) 763-1951
- Lakeshore Medical | (863) 763-7483

SENIOR SERVICES

- Okeechobee Senior Services, Young at Heart Center | (863) 462-5180
- Elder Helpline | 866-684-5885
- Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE) | 866-684-5885

MEDICAL & SOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES

- Quit Smoking Program | (877) 819-2357
- Deaf Service Center of the Treasure Coast, Inc. | (772)-324-2233
- Coalition for Independent Living Options (CILO) | (772) 878-3500
- Our Village of Okeechobee | (863) 484-8930

FOOD

- Okeechobee County Access Program | (866) 762-2237
- Big Lake Missions Outreach | (863) 763-5725
- Salvation Army | 863-763-6020
- Church of God of Prophecy | 863-763-4059
- Okeechobee Church of God | 863-763-4127

HOUSING & UTILITIES

- Okeechobee Utility Authority | (863) 763-9460
- The Salvation Army | 863-763-6020
- SHIP Housing | (863) 763-9312 x.2102

PREGNANCY & CHILD CARE

- Pregnancy Center | (863) 467-8748
- Healthy Start Coalition Inc | (863) 462-5877
- Pregnancy Center of Okeechobee | (863) 697-6481
- CareNet Pregnancy Services | (772) 828-3168
- Early Learning Coalition | (863) 357-1133

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (LOW-COST OR FREE)

- The Okeechobee Children's Mental Health System of Care | 863-462-5000 x1040
- Legacy Behavioral Health | (863)357-8268
- Suncoast Mental Health Center | (863)824-0024
- New Horizons | (863) 462-0040
- Hibiscus Children's Center | (863) 467-1166
- Our Village Okeechobee | (863) 484-8930
- Helping People Succeed | (772) 980-0770

EMPLOYMENT

- Career Source Heartland | (863) 610-6000

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(561) 996-1600

Emergency Operations Center
(561) 712-6600

Palm Tran - Go Glades
(561) 649-9838

School District
(561) 434-8000

County Administration
(863) 983-1493

Belle Glade Library
(561) 996-3453

Louisa V. York Library
(561) 924-5328

Clarence B. Anthony Library
(561) 992-8393

Parks & Recreation
(561) 996-6600

Veteran Services
(561) 996-1633

Florida Rural Legal Services
(561) 993-0003

SUICIDE HOTLINE

1-800-273-8255

MEDICAL SERVICES

- Florida Community Health Centers, Inc. | (561) 924-6100
- C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics Belle Glade Clinic - Dental | (561)-642-1000
- Lakeside Medical Center | (561) 996-6571
- Wellington Regional Medical Center | (561) 798-8500
- L.O.T. Health Services | (561) 693-5143

SENIOR SERVICES

- West County Senior Center | (561) 996-4808
- Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach/ Medicare SHINE Counselor | (866) 684-5885
- Alzheimer's Association | (800) 272-3900
- FL Elder Abuse Hotline | (800) 962-2873

MEDICAL & SOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES

- Clinics Can Help | (561) 640-2995
- Quit Smoking Program | (877) 819-2357
- Center For Family Services of Palm Beach County - Belle Glade | (561) 616-1222
- Salvation Army Social Services Belle Glade | (561) 686-3530
- Glades Initiative | (561) 996-3310

FOOD

- Palm Beach County Food Bank | (561) 670-2518
- Palm Beach County Community Action | (561) 996-0660
- Light House Cafe Ministries of the Glades | (561) 993-7020
- Lighthouse Food Pantry Community United Methodist Church | (561) 996-5588

HOUSING & UTILITIES

- Belle Glade Housing Authority | (561) 996-2140
- Pahokee Housing Authority | (561) 924-5565
- Palm Beach County Housing Authority | (561) 604-2160 x104
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach | (561) 345-2000

PREGNANCY & CHILD CARE

- Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies | (888) 414-4642
- Basics4Babies Emergency Pantry | (561) 623-2800
- Families First of Palm Beach | (561)-721-2887
- BRIDGES at Belle Glade | (561) 992-8210 & BRIDGES at Pahokee | (561) 899-1650

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (LOW-COST OR FREE)

- Florida Federation of Families | (561) 518-7997
- NAMI Palm Beach County | (561) 588-3477
- Families First of Palm Beach County | 561-996-8710
- Community Connections For Life (Adult/Children) | (561) 983-8717
- Mental Health GPS Helpline | (561)-801-HELP (4357)
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach | (561) 345-2000

EMPLOYMENT

- Career Source Palm Beach | (561) 340-1060

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 Emergency Operations Center (772) 287-1653
 County Transportation (772) 463-2880
 School District 772-339-1205
 County Administration (772) 223-2360
 Elisabeth Lahti Library (772) 597-4200
 Parks & Recreation (772) 288-5400
 Veteran Services (772) 288-5444
 Florida Rural Legal Services (800) 277-7880
SUICIDE HOTLINE
 1-800-273-8255

MEDICAL SERVICES
 • Cleveland Clinic Martin Health (Hospital) | (772) 287-5200
 • Florida Community Health Centers - Indiantown | (772) 597-3596
 • Volunteers in Medicine | (772) 930-5644

SENIOR SERVICES
 • Council On Aging/Kane Center | (772) 223-7800
 • Elder Helpline | 866-684-5885
 • Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE) | 866-684-5885
 • Floridians Fighting Falls | (772) 932-7264

MEDICAL & SOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES
 • Quit Smoking Program | (877) 839-2357
 • Deaf Service Center of the Treasure Coast, Inc. | (772) 334-2333
 • Coalition for Independent Living Options (CILO) | (772) 876-3900
 • Clinics Can Help (Medical Equipment) | (561) 640-2995

FOOD
 • Martin County WIC | (772) 597-2257
 • House of Hope | (772) 286-4673 ext. 1300
 • CROSS Ministries Food Pantry | (561) 233-9009
 • Treasure Coast Food Bank | (772)
 • Love and Hope in Action (LAHA) | (772) 781-7002

HOUSING & UTILITIES
 • Housing Authority of the City of Stuart | (772)287-6496 x2
 • Treasure Coast Homeless Services | (772) 567-7790
 • Salvation Army | (772) 288-1475
 • Homeless Assistance & Prevention | (772) 288-5785
 • SNHP Housing | (772) 288-5456

PREGNANCY & CHILD CARE
 • Healthy Start Coalition of Martin County | (772) 463-2888
 • Helping People Succeed | (772) 320-9770
 • ARC of Martin County | (772) 283-2525
 • Caring Children/Clothing Children (CCa) | (772) 221-8777

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (LOW-COST OR FREE)
 • Catholic Charities | (844) 848-6777
 • Hope Square | (772) 288-0907
 • Tykes & Teens | (772) 220-3439
 • Suncoast Mental Health Center | (772) 221-8585
 • New Horizons of the Treasure Coast | (772) 221-4088

EMPLOYMENT
 • Career Source Research Coast | (772) 214-3174

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These guides were created to share information with rural residents to increase their awareness of existing resources within their community. If you believe your organization should be listed here, please contact us. Click each resource guide to download the PDF version.

COVID-19/Coronavirus

**We Can Do This
COVID-19 Vaccine
Campaign**

COVID-19 Vaccination





The HHS COVID-19 public education campaign is a national initiative to increase public confidence in and uptake of COVID-19 vaccines while reinforcing basic prevention measures such as mask-wearing and social distancing.

[Resources & Toolkit](#)

[Vaccine Hesitancy Map](#)

[Find a vaccination](#) location in your area.

The National Institute of Health (NIH) has developed infographics that explain exactly what is and isn't in the COVID-19 vaccines.

[Pfizer](#)

[Moderna](#)

[Johnson & Johnson](#)

Rural News Articles & Resources



Faith in Recovery Coalition Offers Hope for Opioid Use Disorder in Ohio

The Rural Monitor
June 9, 2021



The Future of Rural Libraries Could Be Healthcare

The Daily Yonder
June 8, 2021



Vaccinating Rural America: Q&A with Dr. Amanda Cohn

The Rural Monitor
May 12, 2021

[Read Article](#)

[Read Article](#)

[Read Interview](#)

Upcoming Webinars & Professional Trainings

2021 Florida Asthma Coalition Summit; *Resiliency in the face of COVID-19*

July 30, 2021

Florida Asthma Coalition

[View & Register](#)

Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) in Maternal Health Care

*****Education Credits Available*****

2-hour e-learning course

Office of Minority Health

[View & Register](#)

Public Health Reimagined Virtual Annual Education Conference

July 13 & 14, 2021
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Florida Public Health Association

[View & Register](#)

Virtual Conference: Healthcare Without Borders - Equity, Integration, and Innovation

July 19 & 20, 2021
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Florida Association of Community Health Centers

[View & Register](#)

2021 Community Health Institute & Expo

August 22-24, 2021
Orlando, FL

National Association of Community Health Centers

[View & Register](#)

Annual Florida Hospital Association Meeting

October 6-8, 2021

Florida Hospital Association

[View & Register](#)

Funding Opportunities

[Sign up](#) for LORHN's bi-weekly distribution of the GrantStation Insider Content e-newsletter or view LORHN's GrantStation Insider Content e-newsletter [archive page](#) for previous funding opportunities.

Local Grants

Glades Electric Charitable Trust, Inc. (Glades, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee)

Almost 70 percent of Glades Electric Cooperative members participate in Operation Round-Up, which helps people in GEC's service area who have exhausted normal avenues of financial assistance. The fund is for deserving individuals and organizations. If you know of people who need and deserve assistance and live within the Glades Electric service area (Glades, Hendry, Highlands and Okeechobee counties), encourage or **help them to complete an application.**

LIHEAP/CSBG (Glades, Hendry, Highlands and Polk Counties)

Assistance Available: electrical, water, rental/mortgage, gasoline, medical, transportation to medical services, food, HVAC Repair (60+), family self-sufficiency and more.
The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally funded program that assists high-energy burdened, low-income households with the costs of heating and cooling their homes. Home energy funds are provided once per calendar year and are based on the client's gross income and household size. ALPI's focus of CSBG funding is to support a Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSSP); however, there are limited emergency assistance funds available to help alleviate an immediate crisis. Under the FSSP, an eligible client is provided services through ongoing case management with the ultimate outcome being the enhancement of a family's ability to, ultimately, meet their own needs. **Apply online.**

Regional Grants

Florida Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Program

Loan repayment assistance for nursing personnel who agree to serve in areas of Florida where there are critical nursing shortages. *Deadline: September 1, 2021*

Federal Grants

Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge

This funding opportunity aims to eligible entities to provide planning support, technical assistance, and training to foster placemaking activities in rural communities. Qualified entities can use the funds to help rural communities create plans to enhance capacity for broadband access; preserve cultural and historic structures; and support the development of transportation, housing, and recreational spaces. *Due: July 26, 2021*

Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Loan Guarantees

USDA Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Loan Guarantees provide financing for telephone and broadband infrastructure in rural areas. Funds may be used to finance broadband-capable telecommunications services, including improvements, expansions, construction, acquisitions, and refinancing. *Applications accepted year-round*

www.grants.gov

Learn about Federal Grant forecasted, posted, and archived grants available via various Federal Government Programs. Grants Learning Center provides information about eligibility, writing, reporting, policies, systems, and more.

Community Meetings

Western Palm Beach

P.A.T.C.H.

Contact: [Marcia Bahia](#)

3rd Tuesday of each month

9:00 am - 10:45 am

Hendry & Glades

Community Collaborative Meetings

Contact: [Lisa Sands](#)

1st Friday of each month

8:30 am - 11:30 a

Hendry, Okeechobee, Glades Opioid Consortium (HOGOC)

Contact: [Liam Lipham](#)

Okeechobee

Community Collaborative Council

Contact: TBD

4th Tuesday of each month

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Martin County

InterAgency Coalition

Contact: [Kim Ouellette](#)

2nd Wednesday of each month

8:30 am - 10:00 am



Who We Are

Lake Okeechobee Rural Health Network, Inc. (LORHN) was formed in 1994 as a non-profit corporation designed to provide for the special and specific health-related needs of the residents, visitors, and businesses in the Lake Okeechobee area; with extended services to Glades, Hendry, Okeechobee, Western Martin, and Western Palm Beach counties.

LORHN was established through Florida legislation (Statute 381.0406) and is one of nine local rural health networks covering the state of Florida. As per Florida statute, the goal of the networks shall be to ensure that quality health care is available and efficiently delivered to all persons in rural areas. Our vision is to promote/provide for the special and specific health needs of the residents, visitors, and businesses in the Lake Okeechobee area.

