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2017 Hurricane Season
is here, are you
prepared?

Visit the National
Hurricane Center of the
National Oceanographic
and Atmospheric
Administration (NOAA) to
track storms.



The site also gives
information
about [preparing for](#)

**2017 Palm
Beach**



**County Community Health Improvement
Plan (CHIP)**

The Healthcare District of Palm Beach County, Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County and the Health Council of Southeast Florida are excited to announce the release of the 2017 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for Palm Beach County. The CHIP is a result of collaborative planning by dedicated stakeholders. It provides a detailed, executable plan to address health priorities and to monitor and evaluate progress. The priority areas identified in the CHIP include: 1) Mental and Behavioral Health, 2) Active Living and Healthy Lifestyles, and 3) Access to Care and Services. To read the full Palm Beach County CHIP, click [here](#).

To access other reports developed by HCSEF, visit our [website](#). To inquire about how HCSEF can assist your organization with health planning, please contact [Celine Ginsburg](#).

storms and what to do after one comes through your area.

Planning and preparing before a storm approaches puts you and your family one step ahead. Hurricane season ends November 30.

Be safe. Be Prepared!

Program Highlights: Enroll Palm Beach and Treasure Coast

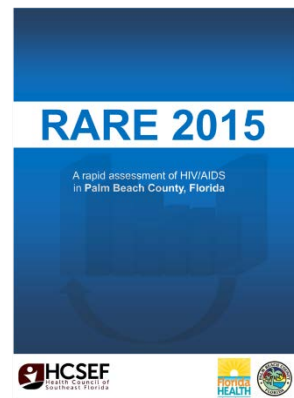


Open Enrollment for health insurance is right around the corner - **November 1, 2017**. Enroll Palm Beach is a HCSEF initiative whose core function is providing access and information on the Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Marketplace as well as other benefit programs. Trained and licensed Health Insurance Navigators can provide information about eligibility, connect consumers to different resources and help them choose a plan that best fits their needs. To learn more about Enroll Palm Beach or to schedule an appointment with a Health Insurance Navigator click [here](#).

Palm Beach County RARE Report - Recommendation Adopted by the State.

In 2015, HCSEF partnered with DOH in Palm Beach County and the Palm Beach County Department of Community Services to assess the HIV epidemic in Palm Beach County. The RARE Report provided five recommendations for the county. One of the

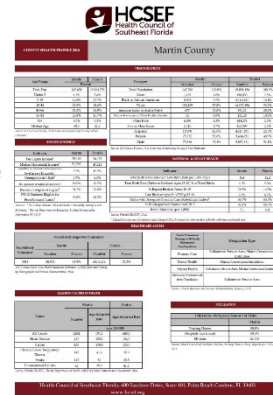
recommendations "adopting the "Expanded HIV Care Continuum Model" was incorporated into the [Florida Integrated HIV Prevention Care Plan 2017-2021](#). This is a great accomplishment for Palm Beach and all of the partners that helped gather data and create the report.



To learn more about the RARE Report or Ryan White Program activities in Palm Beach, contact [Anil Pandya](#).

County Health Profiles

HCSEF provides a snapshot of the health statuses of five counties in our region: St. Lucie, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and Indian River. The reports provide the community with an understanding of the community's health status and ensure that the community's priorities consider specific health status issues, such as high diabetes death rates or low immunization rates. To view a health profile for one of the five counties in our region, visit our [website](#).



The screenshot displays the HCSEF (Health Council of Southeast Florida) report for Martin County. It includes a title 'Martin County' and a table of contents. The main content area is divided into several sections, each with a table of data. The sections include: 'Mortality', 'Morbidity', 'Health Disparities', 'Health Status', 'Healthcare Access', and 'Healthcare Quality'. Each section contains a table with columns for 'Indicator', 'Value', and 'Unit'. The 'Mortality' section lists indicators like 'All-Cause Mortality' and 'Age-Adjusted Mortality'. The 'Morbidity' section lists indicators like 'Chronic Disease Prevalence' and 'Disability-Adjusted Life Expectancy'. The 'Health Disparities' section lists indicators like 'Health Equity' and 'Health Disparities'. The 'Health Status' section lists indicators like 'Life Expectancy' and 'Quality of Life'. The 'Healthcare Access' section lists indicators like 'Hospital Admissions' and 'Emergency Department Visits'. The 'Healthcare Quality' section lists indicators like 'Patient Safety' and 'Patient Satisfaction'. The report also includes a 'Data Sources' section and a 'Contact Information' section.

Need Data?

Customized reports and data analysis are available for various health and socioeconomic indicators, as well as hospital inpatient, emergency and ambulatory care. HCSEF also offered 24/7 access to hospital and nursing home utilization information for our region. To learn how HCSEF can assist with your data needs, contact [Celine Ginsburg](#).



Asthma - Friendly Hospital Recognition

After months of collaboration between statewide partners, the Asthma-Friendly Hospital Recognition guide and application were released July 2017. The Florida Asthma Coalition is thrilled to announce the first Hospital to earn Asthma-Friendly recognition: [Orange Park Medical Center](#). To become Asthma-Friendly, a hospital must acquire additional training for staff, use appropriate asthma action plans, provide self-management education, and refer or educate patients on multi-component home based asthma education. Added benefits include but are not limited to: increased patient and visitor awareness, reduced asthma-related readmission, and improved quality of life for patients. Applications are accepted year-round.

To learn more about the Florida Asthma Coalition and it's Asthma-Friendly Recognition initiatives including: Hospitals, Schools, Childcare Centers, and (*coming soon*) Physicians click [here](#).

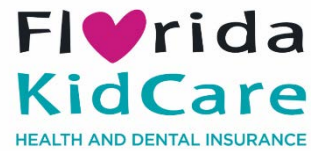
Children's Health Insurance Program -

Open Enrollment is available 24/7, every day of the year!

Florida KidCare is Florida's children's health insurance program dedicated to providing free or low-cost health insurance for qualifying children under the age of 19. HCSEF is proud to collaborate with our community partners that have been trained as Certified Application Assistance Sites(CAAS). Together we work to increase enrollment and retention within the Florida KidCare program. Communities benefit many ways when all children have health insurance:

- Children are more likely to get well-child checkups.
- Parents are less likely to miss work due to fewer sick days home with children.
- Quality of life improves for children in the community.

Find a local [Certified Application Assistance Site](#) in your county today.



Upcoming Trainings

NAVIGATE PBC INITIATIVE & UPCOMING TRAININGS

Health care is always evolving. As public health professionals, we are often faced with challenges - both internal and external. To overcome those challenges, improve your professional development and stay up-to-date on health care trends, Navigate PBC Alliance aims to strengthen and enhance the eligibility system for health and human services by providing free community trainings and professional development for health professionals in the Palm Beach County area.



To learn more or attend an upcoming event call [Tiffany Parrish](#) or visit [Navigate PBC](#).

About HCSEF

The Health Council of Southeast Florida is one of eleven private Local Health Planning Councils established by Section 408.033 Florida Statutes (F.S.) to conduct regional health planning and implementation activities.



Our vision is to be the region's leading advocate for optimal access to health care through our collective knowledge, experience and commitment in health planning, research, and program development. To learn more about us, visit our [website](#).

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