



Lake Okeechobee Rural Health Network Summer Newsletter 2018



Good News:

"FCC BOOSTS
FUNDING FOR
RURAL HEALTH
CARE PROGRAM"

(Cap increased to
\$571 million)
- June 2018

FCC Press Release

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LORHN's 2018 Rural Health Symposium



2018 RURAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

Save The Date: Thursday, Sept 27, 2018

**INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE
DIXON-HENDRY CAMPUS, OKEECHOBEE, FL**

LORHN's Workshops Around the Lake!



LORHN is offering

"Living Healthy!"

An internationally recognized, evidence-based educational workshop originally developed by Stanford University.

and



"Your Health Matters!"

A lively, practical and content-rich workshop to help participants make informed health-related decisions. It's a workshop, but it's not work!

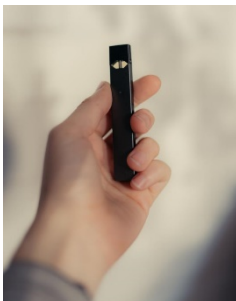
Workshops are available in Glades, Hendry, Okeechobee and Palm Beach Counties!

Please let us know if you are interested in hosting a workshop at your location or otherwise partnering with us in these efforts. We would also welcome the opportunity to talk or meet with you to explain the program in more detail, identify workshop dates and times, or to answer any questions you may have.

[Click here](#) to learn more! Call 561-844-4220 Ext 1600 or 863-532-3099

Efforts to Stop Teens from "Juul-ing"

What is "Juul-ing"?

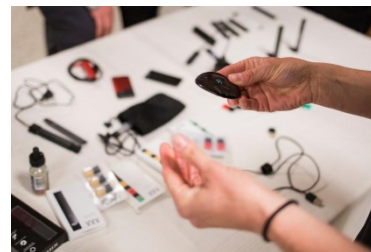


Juuling, which essentially means vaping, was coined after the popularity of The Juul e-cigarette. [Juul Fact Sheet](#)

["I Can't Quit!" Schools Struggle With Vaping Explosion](#)

Highlights from the NY Times Article by Kate Zernike, April 2018:

"Schools say the problem sneaked up on them last fall, when students arrived with a new generation of easily concealed devices that have a sleek high-tech design. The most popular, made by Juul, a San Francisco-based company that has received venture capital money, **resemble a flash drive** and have become so ubiquitous students have turned Juul into a verb."



[FDA's Action Plan to Stop Youth Access and Use of Juul and Other e-cigarettes.](#)

[What Schools \(And Parents\) Need to Know About The Juul](#)

[Cutting Tobacco's Rural Roots: Tobacco Use in Rural Communities](#)

Florida's New Law on Opioid Prescribing

According to the American Medical Association's article, "[Florida's New Law on Controlled Substances Prescribing](#)" by Jeff Scott Esq, Florida's new law will take effect on July 1, 2018. The law includes limits for prescribing certain opioids for acute pain and requirements for checking the Florida Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Database for prescribing most controlled substances.



National Health Conferences



NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

[2018 SRHA Leadership Conference](#)

July 17-18, 2018

Washington D.C.

The NRHA-sponsored State Rural Health Association (SRHA) Leadership Conference provides an opportunity for state rural health association leaders to learn from each other and develop skills for achieving the goals of their own state association.

[16th Rural Health Clinic Conference](#)

Sept. 25-26, 2018

Kansas City, MO

Take advantage of the educational and networking opportunities designed for clinic and hospital professionals and board members serving rural America.

[17th Critical Access Hospital Conference](#)

Sept. 26-28, 2018

Kansas City, MO

NRHA is authorized to award nine hours of pre-approved ACHE Qualified Education credit for the Critical Access Hospital Conference toward advancement or re-certification in the American College of Healthcare Executives.



AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION
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American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and EXPO

San Diego, CA

Nov 10-14, 2018

2018 Theme - Creating the Healthiest Nation: Health Equity Now

With the Annual Meeting, we strengthen the profession of public health, share the latest research and information, promote best practices and advocate for public health issues and policies grounded in research. Creating health equity is a guiding priority and core value of APHA.

Florida Health Conferences



FHCA Annual Conference and Trade Show

July 15-19, 2018

The Diplomat Beach Resort

Hollywood FL

FHCA's Annual Conference offers more than 60 continuing education sessions with the potential for 25 contact hours and includes a 275+booth Trade Show



Florida Public Health Association Annual Educational Conference

July 24 - 25, 2018

Florida Hotel and Conference Center

Orlando, FL

"Striving for Excellence in Public Health"

Presentations will focus around public health leadership, Accreditation/CHIP, disaster preparedness, health equity, and the opioid crisis.



Community Health Institute & EXPO

August 26-28, 2018

Hyatt Regency Orlando

Orlando, FL

The NACHC Community Health Institute (CHI) and Expo is the largest annual gathering of health center clinicians, executives, consumer board members along with Health Center Controlled Networks and State/Regional Primary Care Associations. The conference is scheduled to kick off in Orlando, FL at a time when health centers are front and center in the transformation of health care.



2018 Florida Community Health Worker Coalition Annual Summit

Sept 14 - 15, 2018

Holiday Inn, International Airport Orlando

Orlando, FL

This multi-day event offers workshops, training, and networking opportunities to CHWs, patient navigators, supervisors, allies, and advocates. This year's conference theme is "CHWs Touching Lives, Promoting Equity and Transforming Communities".



LORHN's 2018 Rural Health Symposium

Sept 27, 2018

Indian River State College, Dixon-Hendry Campus

Okeechobee, FL

Lake Okeechobee Rural Health Network's 2018 Symposium is a full-day educational event. Save the date! Thursday, September 27, 2018.

Funding Opportunities



Florida Department of Transportation Grant Opportunities

[Section 5310 -- Programs for capital projects to meet special needs of elderly and individuals with disabilities and Section 5311 -- Program that funds capital and operating assistance in rural areas](#)

USDA Rural Development Programs

[Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Programs](#)

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings. Eligible borrowers include public bodies, community-based nonprofit corporations and federally recognized tribes. Examples of what funds can be used for include:

- Healthcare facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses
- Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment

[USDA Rural Home Loans](#)

The USDA rural development home loans are designed to help medium income American's buy a home in rural and suburban communities.

[Glades Electric Charitable Trust, Inc. \(FL: Glades, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee\)](#)

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, encourage or [help them to complete an application.](#)

[Wells Fargo Corporate Giving Programs \(FL: Martin County\)](#) Funding for nonprofit organizations in the areas of community development, education, human services, arts and culture, civic responsibility, housing, and environmental consciousness. Geographic coverage: Available in 44 States

[Ronald McDonald House Charities \(RMHC\) of SW Florida \(FL: Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry Counties\)](#) RMHC of Southwest Florida utilizes matching funds to financially assist qualified children's charities. Call Leanna Gonzalez at 239-437-0202 for more information.

[SAMHSA](#)

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration grant and award announcements

[Healthy Food Access Portal](#)

Searchable database of funds, grants for healthy food access projects

[RHI Hub](#)

Posts funding opportunities by type, topic, and state

[HRSA](#)

Grants to improve and expand health care services for underserved people

[All Federal Grants Search](#)

Government grants by key word, funding opportunity number, category, and agency

Continuing Education

[Florida Department of Health, Continuing Education, Official Course Search](#)

[Suwanee River AHEC CE/CME Credits Available](#)

[LGBT Mental Health Program](#) This program will discuss how to make clinics and health practices more inclusive for LGBT patients. (1 credit)

[South Florida SE AIDS Education and Training Center](#)

[Florida Continuing Education for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists](#)

Community Meetings and Health Insurance Resources

[Martin County InterAgency Coalition](#)

2nd Wednesday of each month
8:30 am - 10:00 am
Children's Services Council
101 SE Central Parkway
Stuart, FL 34994
Green building to the left of the Unity Church entrance.

[Indiantown InterAgency Coalition](#)

2nd Thursday of each month
8:30 am
Seminole Inn,
Indiantown, FL

[Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc.](#)

3rd Wednesday of each month
Speak with an Attorney or an Advocate about your legal problem.
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
House of Hope
2484 SE Bonita Street
Stuart, FL 34997

[Glades P.A.T.C.H.](#)

3rd Tuesday of each month
9:00 am
Glades Initiative, Belle Glade

Okeechobee County's Shared Services Network Community Collaborative Council

Okeechobee County School Administration Building
700 S.W. 2nd Avenue
Okeechobee, Florida 34974
Fourth Tuesday of the Month
10:00 am

Resources and Information about health insurance options:



LORHN's affiliate organization, The Health Council of Southeast Florida, offers free help enrolling for health insurance in English and Spanish. Call 561-844-4220 or email navigator@hcsef.org Find additional information [here](#).

Fl  rida KidCare

Florida Kidcare

Free or low-cost health insurance for children who qualify up to age 19

About LORHN

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.

LORHN's Vision: To promote/provide for the special and specific health needs of the residents, visitors, and businesses in the Lake Okeechobee area.

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