

THE FLORIDA PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCATE

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From the President's Desk...



I am honored to be your 2019-2020 Florida Public Health Association (FPHA) President. I would like to thank Sandon Speeding, our past President, Health Officer, FDOH in Jackson County, Sarah Catalanotto, Executive Director and her staff at Suwannee River AHEC, and the entire FPHA membership for all of your time, hard work, support, and guidance that has enabled FPHA to continue its work. As the new year begins, I also take this opportunity to welcome all newly elected officers, interest group chairs, committee members, and new members. I am truly privileged to have such a great team of individuals who are passionate about public health. A tremendous amount of work has been done in sustaining FPHA. However, there is still much work to be done. Your membership and active participation in FPHA is still needed. I therefore charge each of you to become involved in "your" public health association. Please visit the website fpha.org and read about how FPHA is supporting public health through conducting regional educational conferences, trainings, networking opportunities, public health resources, and other initiatives. Your voice is important so please consider becoming a member of one of several interest groups or committees. Let's make FPHA the best public health association!!!!

*Warm Regards,
Ethel Edwards, President, FPHA*

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PUBLIC HEALTH ARTICLE

Employee Wellness

By: Jennifer Waskovich

August is National Wellness Month and what better way to celebrate than to show your employees and co-workers you care about their health and well-being. We spend most of our day at work, driving to work or completing work at home. This leaves us very little time for health and wellness activities. Chronic disease, including diabetes, rates have been on the rise leading to an increased need for employer support in developing a healthy workforce. Increasing our focus on employee wellness and health has the potential to substantially increase work productivity.

Employee wellness is not a new concept and evidence shows that some of the earliest forms of corporate wellness began in the 1800s. As technology advancements are made and globalization continues to expand, an increasing demand is placed on companies. Employees experience more stress due to the fast-paced environments and reduced social interaction, and this can lead to increased chronic disease and mental health concerns. A positive work environment including the promotion of employee health can be created through support from managers. This shows employees they are valued and considered an important asset to the company.

Access to a wellness program does not always lead to employee participation. Managerial promotion and encouragement of such programs and organizational support are staples to a success corporate wellness program. The most successful worksite wellness programs have commitment from top leadership, tailor health programs to the needs of the employees, are open to all employees and extend to family members, and are comprehensive. Employee health promotion is an important competency for organizational leaders and training should be provided to managers on this topic.

Beginning a wellness program includes an evaluation of the organization and what employees see as being important and necessary. A committee should be developed to review this data and create an action plan based on these findings. Not all items may be achievable at the start, but a strong communication plan and support by top leadership will lead to increased participation and a healthier more productive workforce.

Some examples of worksite wellness activities:

- *Create an after work or during lunch break walking group*
- *Month of wellness challenge with a different health challenge each day*
- *Music break in the AM and PM to encourage staff to take a break from the computer screen and rest the eyes. Also gets staff up and moving.*
- *Quarterly lunch and learns that provide health and nutrition education to employees.*



PUBLIC HEALTH ARTICLE

Hepatitis A: Florida's Most Recent Public Health Emergency

By: Angela S. Garcia; PharmD, MPH, CPh & Alexandria Musick Page; BS, BA

On August 2, 2019 the Florida Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a Public Health Emergency regarding the Hepatitis A out breaks happening throughout the state^{1,2}. Many local coalitions, community partners, health departments and even schools have activated outreach and education campaigns to help reduce the burden of disease linked to Hepatitis A.

Hepatitis A is a disease of the liver caused by the Hepatitis A virus. Typically, the Hepatitis A virus is spread person-to-person through the fecal-oral-route but may be transmitted through the exposure to fecal-contaminated foods, fecal-contaminated-water-borne sources, or other behaviors that may increase risk of transmission^{3,4}.

Hepatitis in Florida

Every week we continue to see additional case reports throughout Florida media outlets for Hepatitis A infections and outbreaks. Hepatitis A is often associated with higher rates in people experiencing homelessness, populations affected by illicit drug use and those that handle food or food products. However, cases are happening at alarming rates among various communities without traditional high-risk behaviors. News articles dating back to 2018 began reporting abnormal increases in reported HepA rates. Several communities began experiencing pockets of Hepatitis A outbreaks throughout the state^{2,5}.

Between January 1st and August 10th of this year, 2,192 cases of Hepatitis A were reported across 55 out of 67 counties here in Florida. Comparatively in 2017, Florida statistics reported a total of 276 cases of Hepatitis A. There was almost a two-fold increase in reported cases for 2018 (548 cases). Once recognized as an outbreak, the data has been collected together for 2018 and 2019^{5,6}.

As of July 2019 the Hepatitis A outbreaks have caused 31 deaths and 72% of those infected have required hospitalization⁶. Numbers have continued to increase throughout the month of August and will soon be available through the Florida Department of Health (FL DOH) website under Vaccine Preventable Diseases >> Hepatitis A >> Surveillance Data.

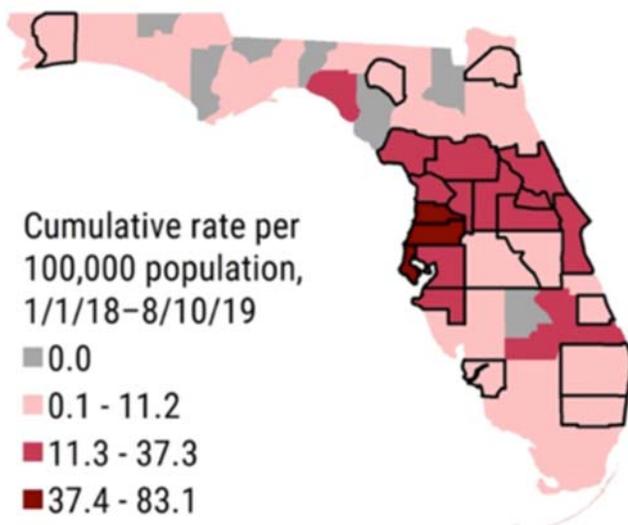


Figure 1: Counties that have reported Hepatitis A cases since January 1st of 2018. The outlined counties reported cases of Hepatitis A during the week of 8/03/19-8/10/19. This figure was taken from the CDC surveillance of Hepatitis A from January 1, 2018-August 10, 2019.

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Who is at risk?

The populations at highest risk for Hepatitis A infection include those affected by drug use, those experiencing homelessness and men who have sex with men. Out of those affected by Hepatitis A, only 20% reported recent homelessness in July 2019. In Florida there are more than 31,000 people who experience homeless on any given night. The two counties with the highest number of HepA case reports are Pinellas and Pasco, which also have more than 2,500 people who are experiencing homeless on any given night⁷.

Even more staggering, is the number of cases where patients reported recent drug use. Statistics show 56% of patients admitted to recent drug use with 36% of those patients using non-injectable drugs and 37% of those patients using injectable drugs⁶. This shows a larger population that health care providers need to target and address for education and prevention measures. It can often be difficult to reach high-risk community members because of health literacy and addiction behaviors complicating trust and relationships with providers.

Hepatitis A is easily transmitted and highly contagious. The importance of washing hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water cannot be stressed enough. In these high-risk populations health resources and access to hand-washing may be limited, which is why outreach providing vaccines would be highly beneficial. For those not in traditional high-risk populations, regular preventative health should be incorporated at annual appointments, during contact in their community pharmacy and in conversations reinforced by health care professionals during transitions of care and in home health.

The July surveillance report from the FL DOH shows that 22% of cases from January 2018 to July 2019, were epidemiologically linked to other cases. Of the cases reported in July 2019, 21% were from household contact, 28% from personal contact, 35% from sexual contact and 16% was other or unknown contact⁶.

January 1, 2018 – August 10, 2019

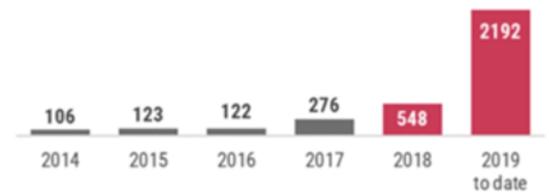


Figure 2: Past five year history of reported Hepatitis A cases in Florida. The spike during 2018 and 2019 depicts the significant outbreak of Hepatitis A. This figure was taken from the CDC surveillance of Hepatitis A from January 1, 2018-August 10, 2019.

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What can we do? Get out there, give vaccines and spread awareness!

The Florida Department of Health has been surveilling the outbreaks since January of 2018 and has found that 98% of the people infected with the HepA virus were not vaccinated, showing a major area of intervention opportunity for health care providers⁶. Vaccinations are the best way to prevent the spread of the infection in addition to both hand-washing and awareness.

Many counties in Florida are doing just that – there are multiple coalitions, school districts and community partners collaborating to get people vaccinated. In Pasco county the DOH administered free vaccines outside popular local eateries. They have listed on their webpage the address and hours of operation for their clinics where members of the community can go and get immunized. Pinellas did something similar offering free vaccines and hepatitis testing through June and July. Hillsborough county's DOH offered Hepatitis A vaccines at no-cost for high risk/uninsured patients and \$25 for those with insurance. Orange county DOH is working with Neighborhood Center for Families, SALT outreach and IDignity in several Hepatitis A events to vaccinate and promote awareness. Marion County DOH has been offering free Hepatitis A vaccines beginning back in May and going through August. This is available at their Ocala department or Mobile Health Unit. They too have offered back-to-school vaccinations until August 16th. FL DOH reports that during the week of August 4th through the 10th of this year, 7,895 doses of the Hepatitis A vaccine were administered.

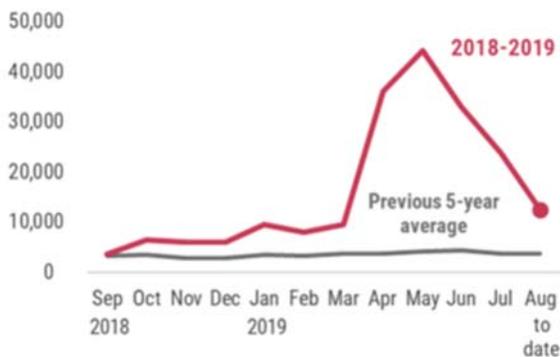


Figure 3: Amount of vaccines administered as of August 10, 2019 compared to the previous 5 year average. This figure was taken from the CDC surveillance of Hepatitis A from January 1, 2018-August 10, 2019.

Continuing with these initiatives is imperative to getting in front of the outbreaks for the state of Florida – especially in counties not yet afflicted with the virus.

Community-based efforts and outreach services help increase protection across counties and decreases outbreaks. In addition to adult vaccinations, several Back-to-School initiatives involving vaccinations took advantage of co-sponsored outreach events where schools or clinics offered both required and recommended vaccines for children including a focus on the HepA vaccination. One such example is Hillsborough counties Back-2-School coalition that partnered with Project Link to provide education and vaccinations during multiple weekends in July and August. These programs are working to protect one the states most valuable and vulnerable populations – our children.

Recommendations for HepA vaccination are available through the CDC. Schedules are broken down by age, catch-up schedule for those behind in their immunization schedule, adults, and even by certain high-risk groups. Specific dosing and scheduling depends on the manufacturer and age at the time of vaccination. (Schedules can be accessed through this link - [CDC Vaccine Schedule](#))

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What does HepA infection look like?

It can take two weeks after exposure to begin experiencing symptoms. These symptoms may include dark urine, yellowing of skin or eyes, clay-colored bowel movements as well as unspecific symptoms such as fever, fatigue, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Even though symptoms may take up to two weeks to see, the infected individual are considered highly contagious. With flu season coming it will be important to distinguish influenza and Hepatitis A infections^{3,4}.

Hepatitis A infections in children less than 6 years old present as asymptomatic in approximately 70% of cases, but older children and adults tend to show more of the classical symptoms. Although there is no medication for the treatment of Hepatitis A, supportive care may be utilized (i.e rest, anti-emetics, cautionary use of medications and avoidance of alcohol in adults) to help heal the liver faster^{3,4}.

We have the opportunity in public health to collaborate with healthcare providers to prevent transmission of Hepatitis A through vaccine outreach and education programs. In Florida, in the midst of multiple cluster outbreaks, it is essential that the conversations continue to happen to reduce risks of transmission and to optimize preventive efforts.

If a patient discloses exposure or you suspect exposure to Hepatitis A within the past two weeks, they can receive a dose of vaccine or immune globulin to protect against the virus as a post-exposure intervention. Local DOH websites have clinics listed for vaccine administration and further information for county residents on their main page found [here](#).

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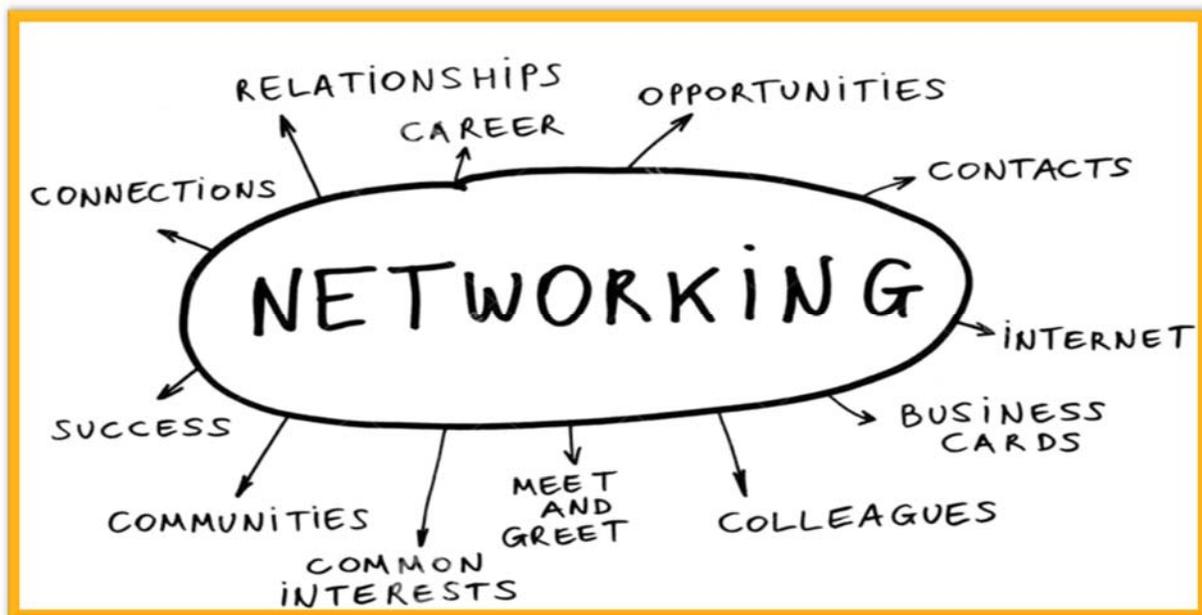
NEW MEMBERS

We are glad to have you as part of FPHA & hope to see you soon at one of our events!

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PUBLIC HEALTH IN ACTION

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COLLEGE NEWS

[COPH turns 35 years young!](#)

[Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signs legislation at USF that enhances treatment options for veterans suffering from PTSD](#)

[From public health executives to public health leaders](#)

RESEARCH

[USF COPH represents at the World Social Marketing Conference](#)

FACULTY/STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

[COPH professor helps develop campus-wide initiative to increase male mental health literacy and help-seeking behaviors](#)

[Who, what, where, when and why? COPH professor works to gain clearer picture of Florida's violent deaths](#)

ALUMNI NEWS

[Doctoral student Angelia Sanders named vice chair of ICTC \[VIDEO\]](#)

[Alumna Brittany Marshall named to Inaugural 40 Under 40 in Public Health list](#)

[USF COPH grad focuses on health education to improve community health](#)

EVENTS

[State of the College Address on Friday, September 20](#)



PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCES

Check out these resources to help provide insight on the growing health disparities between rural and urban communities. You can also get ideas on how to mitigate gaps to create better outcomes for these vulnerable communities.

- **Rural, Remote, and Resilient: How to Build Better Outcomes Outside of America's Cities**
(<https://onlinegrad.baylor.edu/resources/public-health-strategies-rural-communities/>)
- **Building Support for Pregnant Women in Rural and Urban Communities**
(<https://onlinegrad.baylor.edu/resources/pregnant-women-prenatal-care-rural/>).

from the [Master of Public Health online program](#) from Baylor University.



FPHA INTEREST GROUPS

Want to get more involved in FPHA?

The following pages provide details on various interest groups and committees within FPHA.

If you're interested in a specific interest group, feel free to reach out to that group's chair or join a conference call!



FPHA INTEREST GROUPS

Membership Committee

As the new Membership Committee Chair, I'd like to tell you a little about me. But first, let's all congratulate Ethel Edwards for the outstanding job she did as previous chair. She did some wonderful things, like engage members through regional meetings, and lots more. Ethel is now President of FPHA and we look forward to the great things she will accomplish this year.

I'm a Professor at FIU in Stempel College in the Department of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. I teach doctoral students and serve as the Doctoral Program Coordinator. I've been at FIU for more than 30 years and plan to retire in December. You can check out my bio here: <https://stempel.fiu.edu/faculty/mccoy-h-virginia/>.

I've been a member of FPHA since 2016 and served on the Advocacy and Membership Committees as well as on the Planning Committee a couple of years ago when we planned the regional meeting in Miami. This year I became the 2nd Vice President. As Membership Chair, I envision the work of this committee as growing the membership, keeping a pulse on what the membership looks like, and finding creative ways to engage the membership by working with the interest groups. Here is a link to the FPHA Strategic Plan which we will follow to guide our work for the year <https://fpha.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/FPHA%20Strategic%20Plan%202018%20Final.pdf>.

Our next Membership Committee conference call will be **September 18 at 12:00 noon**. Call-in information is below. This is the same time that Ethel had scheduled meetings, so I hope this works for everyone. Future meetings will be held the third Wednesday of each month, except December, since that time is so close to Christmas.

FPHA Membership Meeting

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Public Health Nursing Interest Group

On March 22nd, 2019, the QUIN Council representatives met at Keiser University for the quarterly meeting. Members received a warm welcome from Dr. John Sites, the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Kaiser University in Ft. Lauderdale. Activities to achieve in the strategic plan were discussed including:

- Promoting equity in compensation for all nurses to reflect market competitiveness regardless of ethnicity, gender, and work setting.
- Developing a set of statements to articulate the value and contribution of nurses across the healthcare continuum.
- Advocating for the inclusion of nurses on policy-making entities.
- Communicating different avenues in reporting unsafe work environments and practitioners.

The nurse's role in climate change was introduced by Leah Kinnaird-including ideas about algae blooms affecting Florida residents and the effects of climate change on the elderly. Diversity in different groups was discussed.

The Florida Action Advisory Council Meeting was held at the Gaylord Palms on May 8th. Regional reports were received. Jan Mauck discussed the development of the Suncoast Nursing Action Coalition. project in south west Florida, looking at ways to increase the number of nursing schools in that area. This coalition has been highly successful, reaching out to high schools to spread the word of the need for nurses to have their BSN. Check their website at <http://snac4fl.org/> The east central region has been working on piloting a program in which an already-developed Elsevier preceptor training module is used in precepting nurses. The Tallahassee region has been working on nurse led Community Health Workers programs, working with FSU School of Nursing.

The QUIN Council met on June 7th at the Florida Nurses' Association office in Orlando. Continued action is being taken on updating the QUIN website, organizations values, and logos from each organization in QUIN. Members who were interested were encouraged to write articles to be published in the Florida Nurse. The next meeting of the QUIN council is September 12, 2019 at 10:00am at Howey in the Hills, and on December 13th at the University of Tampa.

No recent calls of the nursing section have been scheduled. Please, let me know any topics of interest you would like to discuss. Anyone interested in participating in the nursing section interest group, QUIN Council, and/or the Florida Action Coalition, please let me know.

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If all of our public health Amazon users switched from Amazon to Amazon Smile, we could provide more student scholarships and other awards to our members, along with the capability to hold bigger and better regional and state conferences!

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APHA CORNER

The mission of *AJPH* is to advance public health research, policy, practice and education. This month, *AJPH* showcases articles on the health of health care workers, sugar sweetened beverage taxation and policy, opioid use disorder, and tuberculosis rates. Visit ajph.org for these and other articles.

Public Health Fellowship in Government 2020

www.apha.org/fellowship



FPHA is thrilled to announce the **call for applications for the [2020 APHA Public Health Fellowship in Government](#)**. This is the 11th year APHA is offering this fellowship, which has been described as an “amazing,” “phenomenal” and “life altering” experience by previous fellows.

Candidates must have strong public health credentials and be able to spend one year in Washington, D.C. The fellow will have the option of working in the House or Senate on legislative and policy issues such as creating healthy communities, improving health equity, addressing environmental health concerns, population health or the social determinants of health.

Training for the fellowship will begin in January 2020, so you must be able to move to the Washington, D.C., area in January and stay through December 2020. The fellowship provides a unique learning experience and demonstrates the value and need for basing policy on sound science. Throughout the year, the fellow will gain a practical knowledge of government and how the public policy process works.

To be eligible for the Fellowship, candidates must meet all of the following criteria:

1. **be an APHA member.**
2. have a **graduate degree** in public health or a related discipline.
3. have at least **five years' experience** as a public health professional beyond graduate or medical training.

be a **citizen of the U.S.** or its territories or have permanent residence status in the U.S.

Applications, additional information and brief articles from previous fellows are available on [APHA's website](#). The application, a CV and three letters of recommendation are due to APHA by **6 p.m. ET on Sept. 4, 2019.**

Please forward this information to anyone you believe may be eligible and interested. For more information, please contact us at aphafellowship@apha.org or 202-777-2510.



PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION



Florida KidCare

Health and Dental Insurance for Children from Birth through the End of Age 18

Florida KidCare offers quality, affordable health and dental insurance to children through four unique programs, three of which are primarily funded by the federal Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Florida KidCare's free, simple application process is designed to identify the program that best fits each family. Families that do not qualify for subsidized coverage can pursue a competitive full-pay option.

FLORIDA KIDCARE PROGRAMS

- **Medicaid for Children:** Age-based eligibility tied to Federal Poverty Level (Administered by the Agency for Healthcare Administration)
- **MediKids (subsidized and full-pay):** 1-4 years (Administered by the Agency for Healthcare Administration)
- **Florida Healthy Kids (subsidized and full-pay):** 5-18 years (Administered by the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation)
- **Children's Medical Services Managed Care Plan (CMS Plan) (subsidized):** Birth-18 years, with special health care needs (Administered by the Florida Department of Health)

COST & BENEFITS OF FLORIDA KIDCARE

Benefits of Florida KidCare include, but are not limited to: doctor visits, immunizations, prescriptions, emergencies, hospitalizations, dental and vision care, and much more. Most families pay nothing at all for coverage, and many pay as little as \$15 or \$20 a month.

November 2018

By the Numbers



Nearly **2.4 MILLION** children are covered by Florida KidCare.¹



CHIP enrollment, including Florida Healthy Kids, MediKids and CMS Plan, **GREW BY 11.4%** during Fiscal Year 2017-18.



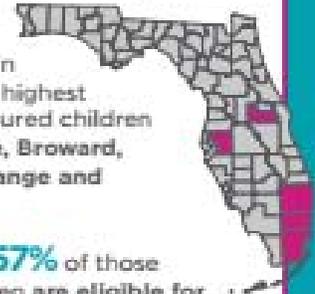
More than **38,000** children gained health insurance between 2016 and 2017 - a number larger than the local population of Lake Worth, Florida.²



Nearly **1-IN-14** or **325,000** Florida children are currently uninsured.²



The **5** counties in Florida with the highest number of uninsured children are: Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Orange and Hillsborough.²



179,000 or **57%** of those uninsured children are eligible for free or low-cost coverage through Florida KidCare, but are not enrolled.² The remaining children are eligible for full-pay coverage through MediKids or Florida Healthy Kids.

SOURCES:

1. Florida KidCare Enrollment Report (November 2018)
2. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2017

With year-round open enrollment, families can apply for Florida KidCare by visiting floridakidcare.org, or calling 1-888-540-5437.



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A Florida KidCare partner



The Florida Healthy Kids Corporation (Corporation) provides health and dental insurance to children from the age of 5 through the end of age 18. The Corporation works to assure access to quality health care services for Florida's children. Two or more health and dental plan options are available in all 67 counties in Florida.



OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS*

-  Behavioral Health Services: *\$5/Visit*
-  Check-ups: *Free*
-  Dental Care: *Free*
-  Hospital Stays: *Free*
-  Vision Care: *\$5/Exam, \$10 for Eyeglasses*
-  Doctor Visits: *\$5/Visit*
-  Prescriptions: *\$5/Prescription*

**Out of pocket costs for the full-pay option includes deductibles and additional co-pays.*

ROLE OF THE FLORIDA HEALTHY KIDS CORPORATION

The Corporation is statutorily responsible for marketing the Florida KidCare program. It also performs administrative functions for Florida KidCare by screening for Medicaid eligibility, as well as eligibility for the Children's Health Insurance Program (includes Healthy Kids, MediKids and Children's Medical Services). Additionally, the Corporation procures and manages health and dental plan contracts, as well as contracts for monthly premium collection, insurance carrier payments and call center operations.

BENEFITS OF FLORIDA HEALTHY KIDS

The Florida Healthy Kids benefit package and provider networks are specifically designed to provide the child-centered medical and dental services children need at each stage of growth and development. The services are delivered by health plans that are held to high standards of quality, accessibility and customer satisfaction.

MONTHLY PREMIUM COST

Most families pay just \$15 or \$20 monthly for Florida Healthy Kids coverage. A full-pay option is also available; making every Florida child ages 5 through 18 eligible.

November 2018

Learn more about the Corporation at healthykids.org.

