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To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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## **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN LAKE COUNTY RECOGNIZES NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK**

**Lake County** – The Florida Department of Health in Lake County joins the American Public Health Association (APHA) in the observance of National Public Health Week, April 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This celebration brings national awareness about public health issues. The theme is “Healthiest Nation 2030”, which includes daily themes like “Raising the Grade”, “Starting from Zip”, “Building Momentum”, “Building Broader Connections”, and “Building on 20 Years of Success”.

This week, all DOH-Lake sites will be displaying service boards highlighting the different programs and services offered.

During this week we also wanted to celebrate two DOH-Lake programs with community partnerships which had major success. Due to the outstanding job that DOH-Lake Tobacco Prevention Program has done, smoking prevalence is down 6% in the last four years; 3% in this last year. That is a tremendous decrease which improves the overall health of Lake County residents. They have done this by changing community behavior through education. They have encouraged residents to quit smoking by offering cessation classes/services and discouraging young adults from starting to smoke with programs like Student Working Against Tobacco (SWAT).

In addition, the Florida Department of Health in Lake County has partnered with Lake County Public Safety and Swimming for Life Swim School for “Water Safety Day” to prevent drowning in our community. Florida loses more children under the age of five to drowning than any other state. Water safety is everyone’s responsibility. This year the event will take place May 16, 2015. The activities will include life jacket fitting, swimming lessons, mock drowning, and a CPR demonstration.

“Overall health is important to any community. We will continue to strengthen bonds with our community partners in order to provide education and improve the health outcomes of Lake County residents” said Aaron Kissler, Administrator, Florida Department of Health in Lake County.

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