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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN LAKE COUNTY ADDRESSES COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS



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**Eustis, Fla.** — The Florida Department of Health in Lake County recognizes the value in measuring health outcomes and today acknowledged the 2018 County Health Rankings & Roadmaps tool released by the University of Wisconsin and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This study highlights the many community factors that influence health and uses established data, much of which is available from the department at [www.FLHealthCHARTS.com](http://www.FLHealthCHARTS.com).

“Integrated community efforts are the foundation of developing healthy outcomes for Lake County residents” said Aaron Kissler, Administrator / Health Officer of the Florida Department of Health in Lake County. “The health of each county furthers our goals for becoming the healthiest state in the nation.”

These rankings are a snapshot of the health of counties across the country and they emphasize that health is not a singular effort but a combined work in progress across all community partners. The department works in collaboration with local governments, non-profit organizations, health care facilities, business groups, schools, faith-based organizations and many other stakeholders to improve the health of all people in Lake County. These rankings use data related to physical environments, social and economic factors, health behaviors and clinical care.

In Lake County, the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is designed to address specific opportunities for improved health that have been identified by the community. The department has partnered with many stakeholders to implement the CHIP and collaborates regularly to track progress.

Based on the results of health assessment activities, the 2017-2020 Lake County CHIP plan provides a roadmap for health over the next three years.

The top five (5) identified focus areas include obesity, substance abuse, access to food and nutrition, access to primary care, and diabetes.

Join the CHIP team and let others know what your organization or neighborhood is doing or planning related to the top focus areas. Learn more at [lake.floridahealth.gov](http://lake.floridahealth.gov).

To explore more health indicators in your county, visit [www.FLHealthCHARTS.com](http://www.FLHealthCHARTS.com).

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