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# LETTER FROM PRESIDENT & CEO



Fortunately, so far this hurricane season, Broward County has not received a serious storm threat. In fact, it has been 10 years since Wilma's devastating impact on Broward County and South Florida. However, as we saw with Hurricane Irma, Florida is always at risk and it is vital we keep in mind that hurricane season in Florida runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup> requiring us to remain vigilant and prepared.

As a result of Irma's impact, United Way of Broward County, with funding from the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), launched the Hurricane Irma Disaster Case Management (DCM) Program in April 2018. Broward Regional Health Planning Council, as one of the recipients of this funding, has put in place the DCM team which provides clients a single point of contact with services ranging from assessment of needs, to client advocacy in obtaining needed goods, resources and services. From April 23<sup>rd</sup> through September, the program has served 230 Hurricane Irma impacted clients.

This much needed program, once again, demonstrates the positive, collaborative efforts and relationships amongst Broward County agencies promoting stabilization, recovery and sustainability of our clients. It is apparent that when emergencies arise, we are able to work together and respond as a community.

In regards to that service to community, I am proud to have been contributing to the Sun Sentinel as one of South Florida's 100 most influential leaders for over the past three years. The panel of South Florida's 100 most influential people in government, politics and culture weigh in each week on current events, providing their thoughts and insights on the week's biggest stories and what they think will make headlines in the weeks to come. To view these weekly posts, please visit: [www.sun-sentinel.com/opinion/south-florida-100](http://www.sun-sentinel.com/opinion/south-florida-100).

In closing, I personally want to express my appreciation to our funders, board members, community partners and staff for the opportunity to be part of the ongoing collaborative efforts in serving our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike De Lucca, MHM".

Mike De Lucca, MHM

President and CEO

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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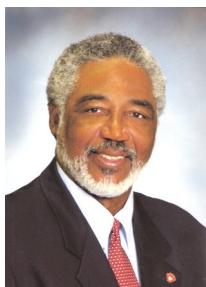
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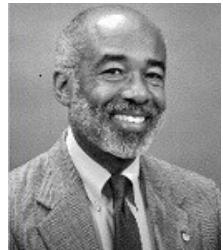
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## ACA MARKETPLACE



Open Enrollment is right around the corner and there have been some changes. Over the past few months, BRHPC employees have been conducting outreach throughout Broward County. Many of the events attended were as a result of Broward Regional Health Planning Council having secured funding from the Health Foundation of South Florida for Certified Application Counselors (CACs). Certified Application Counselors are similar to navigators and assist consumers with enrolling in ACA qualified health plans. This service is offered at no charge to the consumer and is non-discriminatory. It is important to note that individuals may still be eligible for health insurance through the ACA Marketplace if they have had a qualifying life change and at least one day of coverage within the last sixty days. The Special Enrollment Period will last until the next Open Enrollment Period which begins on November 1, 2018.



### **Special Enrollment Period:**

If you have experienced loss of qualifying health coverage and/or some other life changes, you may possibly qualify for an extended period to enroll in marketplace insurance.

Noted are some of the changes that could qualify an individual for a SEP (Special Enrollment Period):

- If you're losing health coverage
- If you moved to a new address and had prior coverage
- If you gained or became a dependent due to an adoption, foster care placement or court order
- If you just had a baby
- If you are aging out of your parents' health insurance plan

### **Open Enrollment Period:**

The Open Enrollment period will begin on November 1<sup>st</sup> and run through December 15<sup>th</sup>. For individuals interested in enrolling or re-enrolling in Qualified Health Plans (QHPs) with the coverage date effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, it is imperative that you sign up by *December 15<sup>th</sup>*!

For further information regarding Enrollment services provided by CAC's, please request to speak to a Certified Application Counselor at (954) 561-9681.

# DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT

## A Helping Hand to Those Still Recovering from Hurricane Irma

The Disaster Case Management (DCM) Program has been busy at work providing assistance for those residents in the county recovering from Hurricane Irma. Since starting April 23<sup>rd</sup> this energetic staff has assisted 230 residents with rental assistance, home inspections, home repair referrals, mold remediation referrals, furniture referrals multiple mental health and social services referrals, and successfully identified candidates for the American Red Cross's Hurricane Irma Financial Assistance program, which resulted in awards totaling \$8,000.



### ***Here are a couple of success stories of clients that received assistance.***

The hurricane left Ms. B, a single mother and her 10 year old son in dire straits. Their home was badly flooded. The family lost their furniture and the mother lost her job shortly after the storm. Her insurance did not cover any damages and she was denied assistance by FEMA. When the case manager contacted the client, she was starting a new job that week and had received donated furniture. Because she fell behind in her rent she received an eviction notice. The case manager intervened with the landlord who agreed to forgo the eviction pending our assistance. As a result of our efforts, rental assistance was approved August 13<sup>th</sup> by the United Way of Broward County. After receiving the news, Ms. B stated that she will be able to pay rent moving forward and expressed her utmost gratitude to not only our agency, but to the entire program for its help in her time of crisis.

MV is a 45 year old female whose pre-disaster home was flooded during the hurricane. She is mentally disabled and unemployed. MV receives \$868 in SSI and \$192 in Food Stamps. She was staying at a friend's house renting a room for \$550. Unfortunately, she was facing homelessness when the case manager made initial contact. Her "friend" wanted her out by the end of July 2018 and she did not have a family support system. Her immediate needs were rental assistance and employment. With case management intervention, her stay was extended and she was assisted with full move-in cost to a home where she lives in a private section and is paying the same monthly rent. She also has been referred to Career Source Broward and is currently working with them to achieve employment. MV appreciates all the work of her case manager and assistance from the United Way. Their efforts significantly relieved her stress levels as she no longer has to live in fear of eviction. She is now able to focus on other areas of her life.

# CENTRALIZED INTAKE & ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION



## Ryan White Part A Services

Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc., provides Centralized Intake and Eligibility for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS in Broward County. The program provides a single entry point of service and assistance with applications and referrals to third party benefits and community services for all eligible Broward County residents.

**Providing eligibility determination and connecting clients to services that will sustain their quality of care.**



Kazim Ramroop, is the newest member to join the Centralized Intake & Eligibility Team (CIED) team. Kazim was born in Trinidad and Tobago and raised in Broward County, Florida. Kazim has been with BRHPC ACA Program for the past four years. His passion has led him to assist the uninsured population within our community. Kazim's goal is to help the local community through health education and to better the well-being of each individual. Kazim is excited about joining the CIED Team and having the opportunity to make a positive difference within the Ryan White Part A program.

***View the office locations below to schedule an appointment!***

### CIED Main Office

Broward Regional Health Planning Council  
200 Oakwood Lane, Suite 100,  
Hollywood, FL 33021  
954-566-1417

### AIDS Healthcare Foundation

6405 N Federal Highway Suite 205  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308  
954-722-2411

### AIDS Healthcare Foundation Oakland Park

1164 E Oakland Park Blvd,  
Oakland Park, FL 33334  
954-561-6900

### AIDS Healthcare Foundation Downtown

700 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Suite 301  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316  
954-767-0887

### Broward Community & Family Health

168 N Powerline Rd.

### Florida Department of Health in Broward County

Paul Hughes Health Center  
205 NW 6th Ave.  
Pompano, FL 33060  
954-566-1417

### Florida Department of Health in Broward County

State Road 84  
780 SW 24th Street  
Fort Lauderdale, FL  
954-467-4700

### Broward Health Comprehensive Care Center

1101 NW 1st Street  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311  
954-356-5047

### Specialty Care Center

1111 W. Broward Blvd.  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311  
954-527-6002

### Care Resource

871 W Oakland Park Blvd  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311  
954-567-7141

### Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center

Comprehensive Family AIDS Program  
1401 S Federal Highway,  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316  
954-728-1088

### Memorial Healthcare System

Memorial Primary Care Center Dania  
1150 N 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. Suite 445  
Hollywood, FL 33021  
954-265-8410

### Poverello: Friends Fitness Center

2200 NE 12th Ave.  
Wilton Manors, FL 33305  
954-561-3663

# HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc., is about to embark on its eighth year of successfully providing services to the community through the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) program. The HOPWA program assists eligible low-income Broward county residents with past due rent or mortgage and utility payments and also provides move-in assistance for those already homeless or who need to move into safe, permanent housing.



From April through June 2018, the Housing Assistance program at BRHPC provided approximately 96 unduplicated clients with over \$78,019 for short-term rental, permanent housing placement and utility payments, in addition to mortgage and emergency hotel voucher assistance to help prevent homelessness.

BRHPC has been working closely with the local HOPWA Grantee, the City of Fort Lauderdale's Housing and Community Development Division to develop better ways to deliver services to the community. BRHPC has, also, cooperated with other local HOPWA agencies such as Care Resource, Minority Development and Empowerment, Mount Olive Development Corporation (MODCO) and SunServe to offer technical assistance and service coordination.

## **Below is one of our recent success stories:**

The client came in for move-in assistance. The client stated that she was homeless and showed proof of the different shelters that she has gone to over the past months. The client showed proof of her new employment and the client provided all the necessary documents to process her application. The client was offered accommodation in a hotel while waiting on the property inspection. "The client called her HCM to thank her for allowing her to stay in a hotel for one week. HCM followed up with the client a week after she moved into her new place. The client stated, "I am happy to finally have a place to call my home."

The HOPWA team is looking forward to another successful year assisting Persons Living with HIV/AIDS in our community to prevent and end homelessness.

**For more information on the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program, please  
call 954-567-9688.**

# HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS SUPPORT SERVICES



## Program Overview

Health Insurance Benefits Support Services (HIBSS) deliver information to clients about their health insurance coverage, such as how they can navigate and utilize insurance effectively to achieve better health outcomes. Health Insurance Benefits Support Services provide clients with an overview of health care plan coverage and limitations, educate clients on the different types of health care providers, develop resources for clients to use related to their health benefits and assist with prior authorizations and appeals process.

## Number of Clients Served during FY 2018-2019

Over 700 clients have received assistance during this current FY.

## Partners/Collaborators

BRHPC has interagency and out-posting agreements with approved Ryan White Part A Providers including:

- ◆ AIDS Healthcare Foundation (3 site locations in Broward County)
- ◆ Broward Community & Family Health Center
- ◆ Florida Department of Health in Broward County (2 site locations in Broward County)
- ◆ Broward Health (2 site locations)
- ◆ Broward House
- ◆ Care Resource
- ◆ Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center
- ◆ Memorial Healthcare System

"I was unaware insurance support services existed and I am so grateful that you took the time to review the details of my insurance with me".

## HIBSS Program Goals

1. Each client will receive a health insurance assessment
2. All clients will receive a summary of benefits and education related to their insurance policy.
3. Clients who need assistance with authorizations and appeals will receive assistance to complete and submit all necessary documents.
4. All clients who need additional assistance will receive a referral to appropriate providers with follow up by the HIBSS program specialist.

# HEALTHY FAMILIES BROWARD

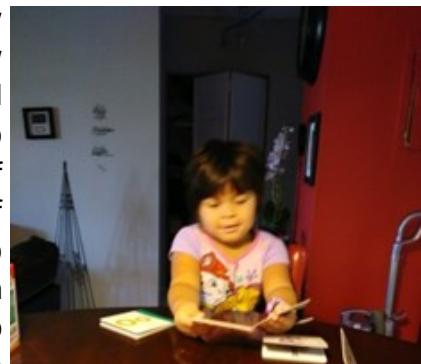
## The Power of Words at Healthy Families Broward



Healthy Families Broward promotes literacy and emphasizes the importance of teaching children to use their words. Words are the way we learn to express our emotions, thoughts and give meanings to our actions. It is important that we build those skills in our children so that we can help them grow and develop. Think how much easier it would be if your baby was born using words to let you know what is going on with them. It would make taking care of them that much smoother, right?

As parents, must put in the work, to not only help our children, but to help ourselves as well. In order to achieve this goal with the families, home visitors continue to provide books to create a literacy library at home. Program participants are also encouraged to engage their children by giving them simple choices in everyday life to promote language development. For example, ask a child: "Do you want the Cheerios or Froot Loops?"

The Terrible Two's phase is a time where children have difficulty expressing their desires. Toddlers act out in ways that not only show their frustration, but cause us as parents to become upset and overwhelmed. Imagine if the child was able to speak to you to convey the issue rather than acting it out. That is the power of words. Is it to say that children will not misbehave or have fits? Of course not, but one thing you can do to help families adjust better to handling themselves and regulating the behavior is through promoting language and fun. Build your language library, read to your children and teach them to communicate. These are the building blocks to creating a verbally expressive child.



For more information on Healthy Families Broward, please call 954-561-9681 or visit  
[www.brhpc.org/programs/healthy-families-broward/](http://www.brhpc.org/programs/healthy-families-broward/)



## NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

**BRHPC is thrilled to welcome Eraine Ambo and Marcia Queres, as the new Nurse Home Visitors for the Nurse-Family Partnership program in Broward County.**



Eraine is a member of the Memorial Health System team. Eraine holds a Bachelor's degree in Family and Child Sciences from Florida State University and an Associate in Science from Tallahassee Community College. Eraine comes with many years of experience ranging from case management to hospice care. Eraine spent a year at Cope North working with pregnant teenagers in Miami as a Nurse Educator. As a Registered Nurse of Haitian descent, Eraine has traveled to Haiti post-earthquake to provide first aid care. In addition, she has traveled to Ethiopia, Africa, twice with a team of doctors and nurses to provide medical care to a poor village in Guder.

Marcia Queres-Vidal is with the Broward Health team. Marcia obtained her Bachelor's degree from Palm Beach State College. Marcia comes to us with many years of experience working with pregnant women and their families. Marcia brings with her a rich nursing career that began as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Her career started as a home health nurse providing education to patients with chronic diseases. Recently, Marcia worked at a women's health clinic where she assisted with gynecological procedures as well as providing prenatal and postnatal education.



In partnership with Healthy Families, Nurse-Family Partnership Broward recently held a superhero themed birthday bash to celebrate the birthdays of the children enrolled in their home visiting program. Parents were given tips on no cost and/or low-cost activities they can do with their child. We proudly provide services to 168 mothers and 125 infants and we truly look forward to continuing working with these families. Nurse-Family Partnership Broward works with first-time mothers and their children to improve prenatal health, improve child health and development and increase economic sustainability. Nurse Family Partnership works to reduce the risk of pre-term labor and delivery, reduce infant mortality rates, promote breastfeeding and improve the rate of prenatal care within the community.

### To qualify for the program, a woman must:

1. Be less than 28 weeks pregnant;
2. Have no previous live births;
3. Be low-income; and
4. Live in one of the following Broward County zip codes: 33024, 33025, 33023, 33319, 33313, 33311, 33069, 33060, or 33064.

## NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP CONTINUED



*Nurse-Family Partnership  
Mom Ruth and 2 yr-old Allison  
takes a photo with Nurse  
Dianaser.*

The Broward Nurse-Family Partnership services are delivered through a partnership between BRHPC and the two hospital districts in Broward: Memorial Healthcare System and Broward Health. Each hospital district directly employs two home visiting nurses who are trained and report to a nurse supervisor employed by BRHPC. The participants are screened for program eligibility through collaboration with the Broward Healthy Start Coalition and its funded providers. Nurse Family Partnership also works in close collaboration with other community providers to receive eligible participants. The program is supported through Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting Initiative (MIECHV) funds which are administered by the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions.

For more information, contact Manoucheka Chery, NFP Nurse Supervisor,  
[mchery@brhpc.org](mailto:mchery@brhpc.org).

## AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) is funded by the Florida Department of Health and is a component of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program. It is designed to assist eligible clients with costs associated with insurance premiums. ADAP clients have government sponsored health insurance/health insurance marketplace plans that include prescription coverage. The insurance plans for this new program were analyzed by the Florida Department of Health for its comprehensive coverage that includes a drug formularily comparable to drugs on the ADAP Program formulary. Clients who meet eligibility requirements and have enrolled in one of the designated plans will receive health insurance cards and the same prescription coverage that they had previously while in ADAP. BRHPC pays for the clients' monthly premium and ensures the insurance carrier is paid promptly.

Clients who are currently in the AICP also receive assistance for COBRA and Employer Sponsored health insurance premiums. Payments for both state-wide programs are initiated by the Florida Department of Health and processed by Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc.

This last year, the state of Florida's ADAP program assisted over 4,000 clients by paying over \$29M towards monthly insurance premiums. The assistance is to ensure that clients remain in care and have access to physicians and the vital prescriptions for their chronic illness.

# HEALTH INSURANCE CONTINUATION PROGRAM



The Health Insurance Continuation Program (HICP) at Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc., provides insurance support services to qualified Ryan White Part A-clients. The program provides copay and deductible payment assistance to clients enrolled in pre-approved Affordable Care Act Marketplace plans.

HICP eligibility is based on persons who are living with HIV, reside in Broward County and are enrolled in a pre-approved ACA Marketplace insurance plan. The HICP staff processes payments for medical, pharmacy, laboratory and additional comprehensive health services costs.



HICP assistance has provided a necessary resource in ensuring that there is no gap in coverage and continuity of care is established. During the current 2018-19 fiscal year the HICP program has provided health insurance financial assistance to 1,275 individuals.

For more information, call 954-561-9681 x 1275 or 1220 or visit the website at [www.brhpc.org](http://www.brhpc.org).

"I can't thank you enough for all of your assistance. You all have really made this transition very easy for me" – Satisfied HICP client.

## HIV PLANNING COUNCIL AND CLINICAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT

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**THE HIVPC would like to welcome ALL OF OUR NEW STAFF!**

*QUALITY IMPROVEMENT MANAGER, DR. GRITELL C.B. MARTINEZ*



Though new to the Clinical Quality Management (CQM) program, Dr. Gritell Martinez is not new to BRHPC. She initially served as BRHPC's Coordinator of the Disaster Case Management. Dr. Martinez is a native of the U.S. Virgin Islands and has a combined 26 years of experience in social service, psycho-social, and public administration in both the non-profit and government sectors. She served as the Territorial Director of the Virgin Islands Department of Health's Communicable Diseases Division - STD/HIV/TB Unit overseeing HIV & STD Prevention, TB Elimination and treatment services, strengthening the HIV and STD network of care and enhancing data surveillance and reporting. Dr. Martinez holds a Bachelor degree in Human Services from the Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of the Virgin Islands, a PhD in Public Policy & Administration from Walden University and is a Certified Public Manager. *"I am thrilled to join Broward Regional Health Planning Council and add to its over 30-year history of being an agent of social change to a diverse community."*

*CQM Health Planner, Marcus Guice*



The Clinical Quality Management (CQM) program welcomes new team member Marcus Guice. Marcus received his Master's in Public Health from Florida State University and worked as a Project Management Intern and Revenue Cycle Analyst for Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare before coming to Broward Regional Health Planning Council. In his role as a Health Planner, Marcus will be working with the CQM team to ensure equitable access to high-quality comprehensive HIV services that improve health outcomes and eliminate health disparities for people living with HIV/AIDS in Broward County.

*"Progress is best maintained through gradual change rather than rapid response. It is an honor and pleasure to be a part of BRHPC's portfolio of progressive dynamism in improving the quality of health services that individuals living with HIV/AIDS receive within the Broward area."*



## CQM Health Planner, Anitha Joseph



Another great addition to the CQM Team, Anitha Joseph, comes to us from NYC. Anitha received her Master's in Public Health from the University of South Florida. Prior to coming to Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Anitha worked for several years in reproductive and sexual health education and promotion. From her first public health job as an HIV tester, to working at New York University co-creating a tailored sexual health program that benefits a student body of 50,000, her goal has always been to enhance sexual health care, quality of life and access to services for all. *"Sexual and reproductive health is a basic right. It's my personal passion to ensure that people are not only educated on an individual level, but that the systems in place supporting the individual are providing the best quality of care. I look forward to making systems level changes with Broward Regional Health Planning Council."*

## HIVPC Planner, Jessica Jolly

The HIV Planning Council (HIVPC) program, also, welcomes a new team member. Jessica Jolly received her Master's in Education at Pace University in NYC. Before coming to Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Jessica worked in youth development, managing comprehensive after school programs catering to low income families in Philadelphia/Camden. Jessica will be working with the HIVPC team to provide support to the Council and its Committees to guarantee that people living with HIV/AIDS in Broward County have a voice and are able to bring their ideas to life, while meeting the community's needs.

*"It is my passion to help those who are underserved. Working with the BRHPC I am able to be a part of a bigger community and bridge the gap between need and access in South Florida."*



**Welcome, Marcus, Jessica, Anitha & Dr. Martinez!**

## TENANT BASED RENTAL VOUCHER PROGRAM

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The Tenant Based Rental Voucher Program (TBRV) focuses on assisting clients to maintain their current housing and providing opportunities to stimulate and develop their self-sufficiency skills. An annual housing quality standard inspection is conducted for all clients as well as mandatory yearly home visits to ensure that every assisted-unit is safe, sanitary and in good condition in order to remain in compliance with HUD guidelines.



BRHPC through its partnership with Consolidated Credit offers monthly Financial Literacy workshops designed to meet the specific financial needs of our clients. Workshops take place the first Thursday of every month between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. and notices are sent ahead of time to ensure that clients are able to attend.

Although the TBRV program did not have any graduates this quarter, the Housing Specialists continue to work closely with their clients to tailor their action plans to reflect their current needs. We continue to offer assistance with resume writing and mock interviews. We are proud of the hard work and commitment that our clients make towards reaching their goal of self-sufficiency!

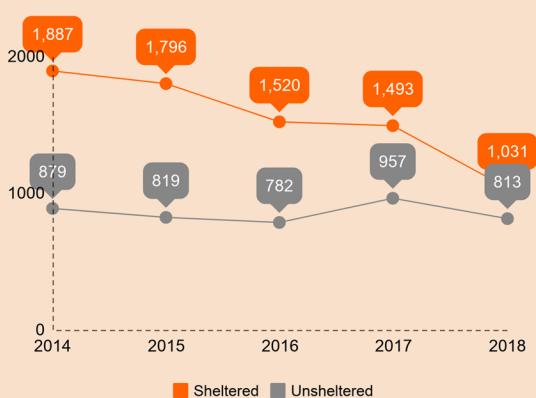
If you would like more information on the upcoming Financial Literacy workshops, please contact Rhode Rosulm  -Rock, QA/Skills Development Coordinator at 954-561-9681 ext. 1210 or [rrock@brhpc.org](mailto:rrock@brhpc.org).



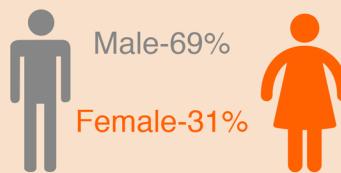
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# Broward County Point-in-Time Homeless Count

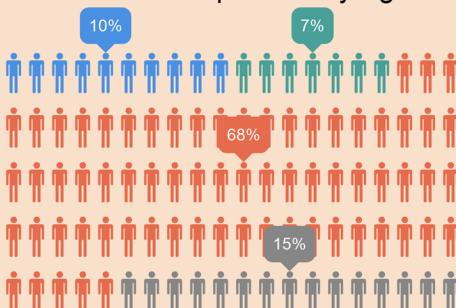
## Total Homeless Population



2,318

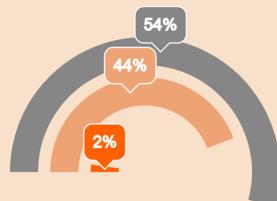


## Homeless Population by Age



■ Under 18 (10%) ■ 18-24 (7%) ■ 24-60 (68%)  
 ■ Over 60 (15%)

## Homeless Population by Race

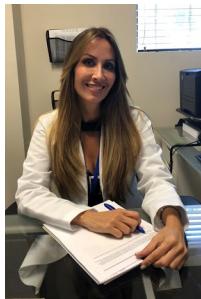


■ Black ■ White ■ Other

Hispanic  
10%Non-Hispanic  
90%

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH

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We'd like to welcome Dr. Jenny Pi to our Forensic team at BRHPC. Dr. Pi graduated from Carlos Albizu University in 2012 where she earned a Doctorate Degree in Clinical Psychology with a concentration in forensics. She also holds two Masters Degrees in Psychology and Business. In the past, Dr. Pi served as Clinical Director for two community care centers in Miami, FL and prides herself in seeking the most up-to-date standards and therapeutic protocols when treating clients. Dr. Pi is a member of the American Psychological Association and actively volunteers her time and expertise at the Intern Panel Discussion for The Goodman Psychological Services Center.

## Forensic Psychology Post-Doctoral Fellowship

The Forensic Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship at Broward Regional Health Planning Council's Department of Substance Abuse & Forensic Mental Health provides specialized training in forensic psychology, including advanced training experiences in forensic assessment, intervention and research.

The forensic postdoctoral fellowship also provides training through a variety of weekly activities and settings. All forensic fellows are based in the Broward County Forensic System and work in close collaboration with the Department of Corrections and Mental Health Court. Programs in which forensic fellows receive training include: Post Arrest Diversion, Competency Restoration Program and Mental Health Court. During the training year, the forensic fellow's time is spent in gaining full exposure to the forensic mental health system in Broward County. Additionally, specialized training opportunities are available in neuropsychological evaluation.

## Current Post-Doctoral Fellows



**Tatiana S. Hylton, PsyD** is a 2018 graduate of Nova Southeastern University's Doctoral Clinical Psychology program within the College of Psychology. She specialized in the forensic concentration under the supervision of Lenore Walker, EdD, ABPP and David Shapiro, PhD, ABPP and completed an internship in forensic psychology at South Florida Evaluation and Treatment Center. During her internship Tatiana worked with the assessment and treatment of seriously mentally ill inpatient population, specifically conducting competency evaluations and writing reports to the court detailing opinions on patients' competency to proceed to trial, as well as recommendations for placement in state hospitals or in the community. In addition to her training in

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH



forensics, Tatiana has continued to develop her interest in neuropsychology and has pursued training and experiences in neuropsychological assessment. At BRHPC, she is involved in the Post Arrest Diversion and works as one of the coordinating liaisons between the facility and felony mental health court.



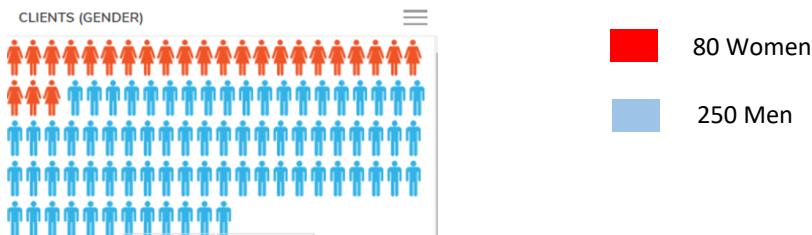
**Jessica L. Boltinghouse, PsyD** is a 2017 graduate of Nova Southeastern University's Doctoral Clinical Psychology program within the College of Psychology. She specialized in the forensic concentration under the supervision of David Shapiro, PhD, ABPP and Lenore Walker, EdD, ABPP and completed an internship in forensic psychology at Central Regional Hospital in Butner, NC. During her internship, Jessica conducted court ordered evaluations of capacity to proceed to trial, diminished capacity and insanity on adult and juvenile defendants, as well as, provided treatment and capacity restoration to adults with severe and persistent mental illness. Additionally, she conducted neuropsychological assessments with adult outpatient clients at the University of North Carolina. At BRHPC, Jessica is involved in the Competency Restoration Program where she provides both Competency Restoration Training and Moral Reconation Therapy to clients.

### Welcome to the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Team!



## SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES

This year the SSVF team provided services to 330 veteran households. Of that number 182 were identified as homeless and another 165 at risk of homelessness.



In addition to its usual services of assisting our homeless and at-risk veterans, the SSVF program expanded its services to offer Disaster Relief Support to those affected by Hurricane Irma. Support such as temporary financial assistance to secure housing, relocation from Florida across state lines, emergency housing/shelter, as well as, rental and utility assistance.

The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program is a national attempt by the Veterans Administration to end Veteran Homelessness. Through a Rapid Re-Housing model and by using a Housing First philosophy, the SSVF program aims to house homeless veterans/veteran families living at or under 50 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) as determined by the federal government.

The program is available to Single veterans, a family with a veteran head of household or a family with a head of household whose spouse is a veteran who is at 50% or below of Broward County's area median income

- **AND** Currently residing in permanent housing and at-risk of losing their housing and becoming homeless (limited resources available for this category)
- **OR** Currently homeless and scheduled to transition to permanent housing in 90 days
- **OR** Currently homeless and exited permanent housing in previous 90 days for improved housing stability.

**Services:** Case Management, VA Benefits & Resources Acquisition, Legal Counsel, Healthcare Access Childcare Subsidies, Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA), Housing Search Assistance

## EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



The employee of the quarter distinction is awarded to Manoucheka Chery. As the supervisor of the Nurse Family Partnership Program, Manoucheka distinguishes herself in her ability to work independently and lead her team to nationwide recognition as the best in the whole NFP system. Her team is so successful that other programs around the State come to her for training and funders are happy to give them addition funds without request. She is now at maximum capacity. Congratulations Manoucheka for being exemplary.

## LEADERSHIP BROWARD FOUNDATION AWARDS

**Congratulations to BRHPC Division Director Regine Kanzki for contributing to the creation of the LLS Light Brigade, Receiving Multiple Awards and Charitable Funding from Leadership Broward**

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, during a fantastic graduation ceremony at Pier 66 Hotel & Marina in Fort Lauderdale, BRHPC's Division Director Regine Kanzki and her six Leadership Broward Class XXXVI teammates won the Solutions for Community Award for their Light Brigade Community Service Project benefitting The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Southern Florida Chapter. They proudly received the Class Choice Award, making them the first project and team to receive both awards in Leadership Broward's history. The team was also awarded \$1,500 for LLS Southern Florida.

"Our organization was paired with seven amazing leaders, all with a close connection with cancer. They took the Light Brigade from a concept and transformed it into a 300+ person volunteer core who are now actively promoting LLS services and financial assistance throughout Broward County," said DeAnn Hazey, LLS Executive Director, Southern Florida Chapter.

During the 10-month project timeframe, the Light Brigade Project Team accomplished the following sustainable measures: created branded stickers, T-shirts, a dedicated QR code and a volunteer sign-up app. They recruited volunteers from more than 20 community events; conducted radio and television interviews; and created a Light Brigade Advisory Council to continue the work of the Light Brigade. The team will remain as founding members of the Advisory Council to help the next group of leaders keep the Light Brigade moving forward. With that said, BRHPC is excited to announce, Program Manager, Natasha Markman, has been accepted into Leadership Broward Class XXXVII.

**Pictured (L to R): Lori Smith-Lalla (Of Counsel, Fort Lauderdale, Public Finance); Ariadna Alvarez (Holland & Knight); Patricia Batista (Synergy Pharmaceuticals); Jay Juffre (Image FIRST); Kelly Lane (Memorial Healthcare System); DeAnn (The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Southern Florida); Kathy Kohler (Robert Reid Wedding Architects & Planners); Regine Kanzki (Broward Regional Health Planning Council); Janet Erlick (Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre)**



# HEALTH PROFILE UPDATE



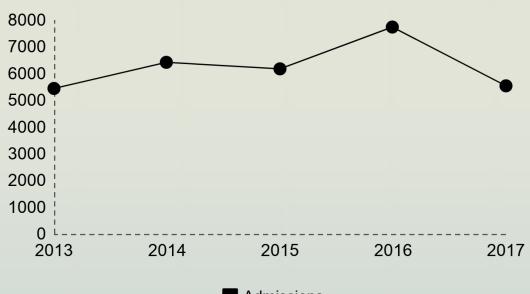
## Broward County Substance Abuse



### Introduction

According to the World Health Organization, substance abuse is the "harmful or hazardous use of psychoactive substances, including alcohol and illicit drugs... [that] can lead to dependence." In addition to the toll that substance abuse can have on an individual and their family, the cost of addiction has been estimated to exceed \$1 trillion in the United States due to costs associated with the criminal justice system, treatment and loss of productivity (Psychology Today, 2017).

#### Primary Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions<sup>1</sup>



Year	Admissions
2013	5,180
2014	6,200
2015	6,100
2016	7,737
2017	5,526

The number of substance abuse treatment admissions declined sharply in 2017 by 29% (from 7,737 to 5,526). For the past 3 years, alcohol has had the highest number of primary admissions. In 2017, admissions for alcohol represented 29% (1,617) of admissions. Admissions for heroin and "other opioids" increased from 13% in 2013 to 31% in 2017.

■ Admissions

#### Youth Risk Behavior

The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey (YRBSS) is a self-administered questionnaire distributed to high school students (9th-12th grade) every 2 years. Most indicators for alcohol and substance abuse showed improvements from the 2015 to 2017 (CDC, 2017).

##### Indicators Showing Improvement

- Used e-cigarette products: 45.1% → 41.1%
- Currently uses marijuana: 24% → 20.9%
- Used methamphetamines: 4.5% → 3.1%
- Ever used synthetic marijuana: 7.1% → 5.5%
- Used a needle to inject drugs: 3% → 2%

##### Indicators Lacking Improvement

- Used alcohol or drugs before last sexual intercourse: 19.2% → 22.3%
- Currently drinks: 30.6% → 32.5%
- Currently smokes cigarettes: 4.2% → 5.7%



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## FINGERPRINTING SERVICES AT BRHPC



In order to assist community agencies and providers in meeting legislative requirements of HB 7069, BRHPC acquired equipment with the capability to scan fingerprints electronically for **Level II Background Screening** using **Live Scan technology**.

Below is an excerpt from the former Secretary of the Department of Children and Families regarding HB 7069:



*"Florida is about to implement important changes to ensure the safety of Floridians who are so dependent on the quality of the people caring for them. This new law will require background screening of job applicants, employees and volunteers who come in contact with children, the developmentally disabled and vulnerable adults."*

*"Employers as of August 1, 2010 will not be able to employ applicants for these positions of special trust or responsibility until the applicants are cleared by Level 2 background screening, the fingerprint-based search of criminal records in Florida and nationally. The fingerprints must be sent to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, which shares them with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to thoroughly investigate if applicants have a criminal history."*

BRHPC offers Live Scan Fingerprinting technology for Level II Background Screening for the Department of Children and Families (DCF), Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), Volunteer and Employee Criminal History System (VECHS), Elder Affairs, and the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR). Live Scan allows for electronic submission of fingerprint screens, with results within 24 to 48 hours, in comparison to the hard card fingerprint submission, which can take 4 to 6 weeks.

BRHPC's fingerprinting clientele include hospital employees, guardian ad litem programs, doctors' offices, non-profit and social service agencies, colleges, universities, child care centers and more.

Electronic Fingerprinting for Level II Background Screening services and additional services such as photo submission to the AHCA clearinghouse are available at BRHPC. To make an appointment, please contact BRHPC at 954-561-9681.

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**Hospital Beds and Facilities:**  
**2nd Batching Cycle– 2018**

Description	Dates
Summary Need Projections Published in F.A.R.	7-20-18
Letter of Intent Deadline	8-06-18
Application Deadline	9-05-18
Completeness Review Deadline	9-12-18
Application Omissions Deadline	10-10-18
Agency Initial Decision Deadline	12-07-18

**Other Beds and Programs:**  
**2nd Batching Cycle 2018**

Description	Dates
Summary Need Projections Published in F.A.R.	9-28-18*
Letter of Intent Deadline	10-15-18
Application Deadline	11-21-18
Completeness Review Deadline	11-28-18
Application Omissions Deadline	12-26-18
Agency Initial Decision Deadline	2-15-19

\*Pursuant to 59C-1.008 (2) (a), the Agency shall publish in the Florida Administrative Register at least 15 days prior to the letter of intent deadline for a particular batching cycle the Fixed Need Pools for the applicable planning horizon for each service in applicable Agency rules contained in Rules 59C-1.031-59C-1.044 F.A.C.