

BRHPC

Connecting Education, Research, Technology & Service with Community Need

Letter from BRHPC President and CEO Mike De Lucca

Spring has arrived in full force, Earth Day is around the corner and summer will be here soon. As part of celebrating Earth Day this year, on Saturday, April 16th the Dania Beach PATCH hosted fun, family oriented activities that focus on ways to be healthier throughout the year. Broward Regional Health Planning Council (BRHPC), the Dan Marino Foundation, the YMCA of South Florida and many other community partners participated in raising awareness about healthier, more active lifestyles. Additionally, the Humana Foundation presented a \$150,000 grant to BRHPC for Diabetes Self Management and Diabetes Prevention Programs to be centered in the Healthy Community Zones (HCZs).

Springtime also reminds us that summer is almost here. As we get ready for Summer, our Early Learning and Childcare programs are working together to ensure a smooth transition for families whose children may participate in Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten programs throughout Broward County. For more information about VPK and Childcare Resources you can contact our outreach partner 2-1-1 Broward by dialing 2-1-1 or 954- 537-0211.

Spring is also a time for growing our programs to better serve the health and wellbeing of those living in Broward. (Continued on pg. 2)

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Michael De Lucca, MHM
 President and CEO

Letter from CEO

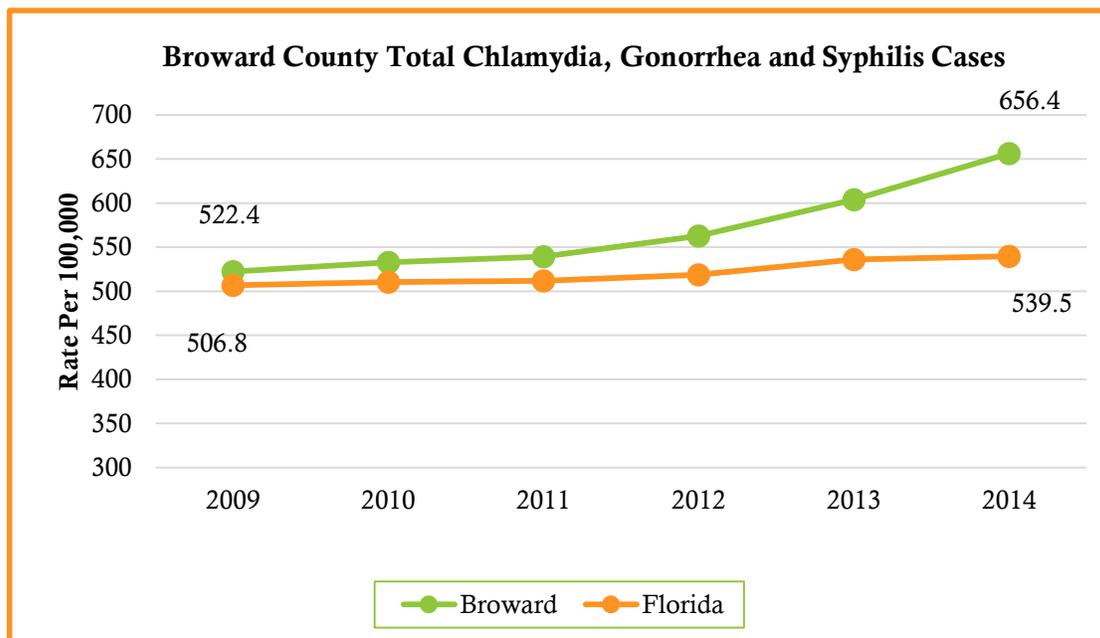
As such, Broward Regional Health Planning Council is now a clinical practicum site for Nova Southeastern University's Ph.D. and Psy.D. clinical psychology program. These students will work closely with our clients in the Forensic Re-Integration Program which provides services to Incompetent to Proceed (ITP) offenders with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders.

BRHPC recently received the results of a survey of community partners and clients performed by Ambit Advertising and Public Relations firm to get a better understanding of what our strengths are in serving our community. Community partners expressed positive opinions about the work we do especially as a community catalyst or change agent in improving the health of the community. Eighty percent of the clients also felt that BRHPC services were either much more or somewhat more effective compared to competitors. The information from this survey will help guide our services and communications to our partners and clients.

Health Plan Spotlight

Broward County's Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis Cases on the Rise

The Florida Department of Health monitors cases for the top three Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)- Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis. Half of all new cases are among young people 15 to 24 years old. Broward's rate for these diseases has continued to increase from 2009 through 2014, when the rate reached 656.4. During this same time period, Broward's rate was consistently higher than that of Florida.



The Broward County Health Plan is updated quarterly and is available online (www.BRHPC.org) For more information contact Regine Kanzki at rkanzki@brhpc.org.

Housing Opportunities For Persons With Aids

HOPWA – PHP/STRMU

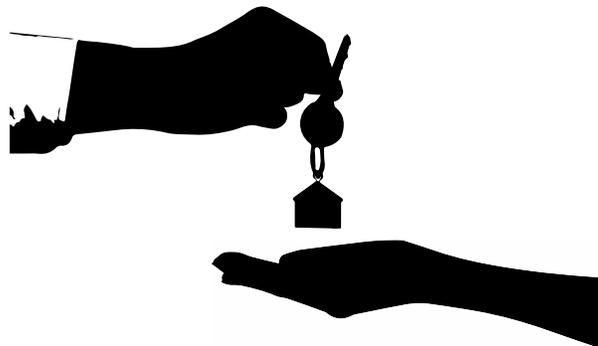
The Housing Assistance program at Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc., provides services to the community under the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) program. The team has been working diligently to assist our clients with past due rent, utility and mortgage assistance as well as permanent housing placement. The Housing Assistance program has received 177 unduplicated applications and has assisted 117 unduplicated clients between January to March 2016 with short term rent, mortgage, utility assistance and permanent housing placement first and last months' rent.

Below is one of our recent success stories:



The client had heart surgery and was not able to return to work within two weeks and lost his job. The client was facing eviction and reached out to the HOPWA program for assistance. The client was referred to Legal Aid and they were able to come to an agreement with the landlord to prevent the eviction and have the landlord accept payments for past due rent. The client worked with the Housing Case Manager to complete the application for rental assistance and the program was able to assist the client with three months rental payments. The client was able to recuperate for three months and during the last two weeks, he got a new job. Client is currently employed and self-sufficient and has expressed his gratefulness for the housing program's assistance.

As we enter the third quarter of the current fiscal year, the HOPWA team is looking forward to another successful year helping persons living with HIV/AIDS in our community to prevent and end homelessness.



HIV Planning Council & Clinical Quality Management

THE HIV PLANNING COUNCIL WELCOMES THEIR NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR!

The Ryan White HIV Planning Council held leadership elections this January, and have elected Brad Gammell and Requel Lopes as their new HIVPC Chair and Vice Chair. Brad Gammell has been an active member of the HIV Planning Council since 2008, and has formerly served as both HIVPC Chair and Vice Chair. Requel Lopes is new to the Planning Council within the last year, and has already become an active and integral member of the Planning Council and two standing committees. Brad and Requel are already looking for new and innovative strategies to address Broward's HIV epidemic, and are excited to help the HIVPC carry out its mission and vision for the future. Congratulations, Brad and Requel!

ABSTRACT ACCEPTED AT UPCOMING NNPHI CONFERENCE



Amy Newton, BRHPC'S Quality Improvement Manager, will present a poster at the National Network of Public Health Institute's 2016 Annual Conference in New Orleans. Amy worked with Shaundelyn Degraffenreidt, Quality Assurance Specialist for Broward County's Ryan White Part A program, to write an abstract entitled, "Quality is Everyone's Responsibility: Using collaborative systematic approaches to address quality management and improve client health outcomes." Their abstract discussed how quality management plays a critical role in ensuring that the Ryan White Part A services delivered to clients with HIV/AIDS are improving their health outcomes.

ANNUAL QUALITY AWARDS CEREMONY

The Ryan White Part A providers met on January 27th, 2016 for an annual Quality Awards Ceremony. The goal of the meeting was to recognize the providers for their hard work and dedication to quality improvement in the Ryan White Part A system throughout the past year. Awards were given to providers for "Best QIP", "Best Attendance", "Most Virally Suppressed Clients", and "QM Superstar."



Brief presentations by Case Management, Disease Case Management, Centralized Intake and Eligibility Determination (CIED), and Oral Health Care were given. The presenters provided information on their service category, which included the overview of the service, specific limitations, and the referral process. Attendees also participated in the National Quality Center's QI IQ Challenge. The purpose of the challenge was to stimulate the self-examination of each agency's QM program and offer the group ways of addressing the perceived "deficits." Additional photos from the event can be found on twitter @GetCareBroward.

The GOOD NEIGHBOR STORE Initiative & PhotoVoice Recommendations Presentation

The Good Neighbor Store (GNS) initiative is a collaborative effort championed by TOUCH Broward. The purpose of the project is to bring awareness to how neighborhood stores can promote healthy food and beverage options, and tobacco-free living in their communities. Community organizations joining BRHPC include the Florida Department of Health in Broward County, the YMCA of South Florida, Broward County Public Schools, and the American Lung Association.

Since September, students have been working on and leading a wonderful project with the YMCA and the Department of Health in Broward County on how to improve the availability of healthy foods at corner stores.

In March and April 2016, students shared their findings to their peers and community with a PhotoVoice presentation. The Photovoice is a combination of photographs with narration to demonstrate scenes that highlight actions (needed or taken). It is a creative and personalized tool used in the fields of community development, public health and education to showcase specific circumstances. It has been effective to communicate personal and collective perspectives. This method is very useful for bringing marginalized voices into the policy-making process.

Participating Schools and their Good Neighbor Store partners:

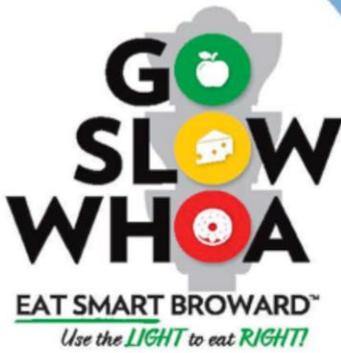
Blanche Ely High School, Pompano Beach: Point One Star Food
 Lauderhill 6-12, Lauderhill: Kwic Pic
 Sistrunk ArtHouse, Fort Lauderdale: Walker's Grocery
 Dillard High School, Fort Lauderdale: Marshalls
 Boyd Anderson, Lauderdale Lakes: Marie's Market



The students' recommendations followed five strategies:

People: Inform PEOPLE about health-promoting events and community resources
 Promote: PROMOTE healthier options at the point of sale and point of reach
 Placement: Change the PLACEMENT of healthier products to improve their visibility and accessibility
 Product: Offer healthier PRODUCT choices like fruits, vegetables and whole grains
 Price: Make the PRICE of healthier options more affordable





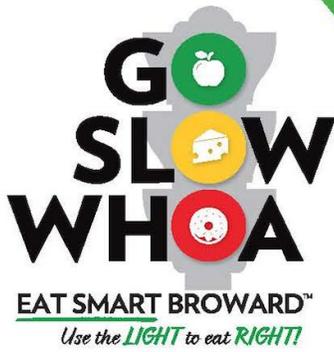
Did you know?

The Buzz on Berries

Blueberries, raspberries and other berries are true super foods - studies have found that they may improve heart health, reduce the risk of diabetes and even improve coordination and memory.



Healthy Eating, Active Living



Did you know?

One tiny chocolate candy! One enormous distance.



Did you know that to work off the calories from just one or two of these little candies, you'd have to walk a whole football field!



Healthy Eating. Active Living

Did you know?

TOUCH Broward increased the Go Slow Whoa outreach by creating the “Did you know?” series. The seven topics were made into individual flyers and distributed to all Broward County Public Schools, Broward County, BSO, YMCA and Broward County Parks and Libraries so far. A different flyer is posted on Facebook weekly and on the TOUCH blog on our website: www.touchbroward.org/blog The flyers are very colorful, eye-catching and informative! We are getting requests from our partners to participate in this healthy eating and active living educational initiative. The topics include:

1. **The Buzz on Berries** super food: heart, diabetes, coordination memory
2. **1 donut hole = 27 grapes**
3. **One tiny chocolate candy?** To walk off calories from just one or two small candies, you’d have to walk the length of a full football field!
4. **An Apple a Day** fights aging, helps maintain healthy weight
5. **Blueberries are the best medicine!** Low calorie, antioxidants, heart disease, lower blood pressure, improve memory
6. **Juice it UP!** Juicing=mega vitamins, minerals & enzymes rapidly enter bloodstream with nutrients
7. **Egg-cellent Choice!** Good source of protein & vitamin B2, B6, B12 and zinc, iron & copper

TOUCH Broward has also partnered with Broward County Public Schools, Broward County Parks and Recreation, Libraries, BSO and other local organizations to present Eat Smart Broward. The Go, Slow, Whoa “traffic light” food labeling system helps people make healthier food choices. Residents will see posters, banners, and “GO” labeling in school cafeterias, public parks and libraries! Go foods can be eaten anytime, Yellow for Slow foods are higher in fat, sugar and salt, should only be eaten occasionally; Red for Whoa foods are highly processed foods low in nutrients, high in calories, only eat rarely. Go foods help students pay better attention and have the energy to learn.



The Fix-It Stations

The Fix-It bicycle repair station provides the tools necessary to make repairs to your bike and continue riding for fun, fitness and active transport. The tools and air pump are securely attached to the stand with stainless steel cables and tamper-proof fasteners. Hanging the bike from the hanger arms allows the pedals and wheels to spin freely while making adjustments. This freestanding repair station allows the community to be independent in their bike repair needs. Free access to this station reduces the occurrence of restricted transportation to work, school and home because of unforeseen bicycle issues that can cause a major obstacle. As of March 2016, a station was installed in an accessible location in all four of our Healthy Community Zones: Dania Beach, Sistrunk Corridor in Fort Lauderdale, Broward Municipal Services District and Hallandale Beach. Several FLIPANY staff instructors participated in the two community events used to introduce the stations in a variety of ways. At “Bike For Life” and “Park to PATCH”, FLIPANY capitalized on the high youth turnout to provide utilization training and delivered Go, Slow, Whoa activities, as well as presented a demonstration at the events.



International Health Initiatives

Broward Regional Health Planning Council would like to acknowledge Shira Fowlkes, Mayur Banjara, Sharmila Aryal, and Dr. Enas Mohamed who were recognized by the International Health Initiatives for their humanitarian services locally and abroad.



SHIRA FOWLKES



MAYUR BANJARA



SHARMILA AYARL



DR. ENAS MOHAMED

HOUSING STABILITY PROGRAM

The Housing Stability Program has successfully served over 250 families with rental and utility assistance during its three years of service. We are excited to announce that the program has received funding for its fourth and final year. Funded through the Jim Moran Foundation, the Housing Stability Program (HSP) is committed to assisting eligible and qualified **low-income** families with one time **short-term rental assistance-utility assistance** (up to 3 months of past due rent) or **move in assistance** (First, second and last month) if needed. HSP also offers families the opportunity to improve their financial stability through **case management; savings pledge program** and **financial fitness and coaching workshops**. Through its partnership with 2-1-1 Broward First Call for Help, families seeking rental assistance can dial 211 and ask for HSP.



I would like to thank the BRHPC for all the help that was given to me and my family during our time of need. We were homeless and in need of housing assistance to get back on our feet. My case worker was very nice and professional, and available to speak with me at all times. To my surprise the process was quick and we had housing from start to finish in three months. I'm grateful for this program and all the help that my family received.

I have been blessed with promising opportunities for employment from a more stable company prior to the work I do currently. My daughter is doing quite well, therefore, I know we are headed back on the right path. Thanks again for all your help through BRHPC!

I would like to convey my heartiest thanks to BRHPC and my Case Manager. I must express my appreciation for your generosity and support in steering me in the right direction towards financial freedom. Before I was awarded short-Term financial assistance from BRHPC, I was sleeping out of my car, I ended up in a shelter without hope and stability. I often felt like I had failed as a mother. Because of you I've been able to save almost \$2,000.00 within 2 1/2 months. I was able to reinstate my Driver License, it had been expired for months because I couldn't afford to pay the fines. God bless you all, for you all are my angels.



Do I Qualify for HSP?

- Were you recently laid off or your work hours and/or *pay reduced*?
- Has the monthly income available to your family decreased due to an *unexpected emergency* or event?
- Have you received an *eviction notice* or are you in the process of being evicted?
- Would you and your family become homeless as a result of loss of income and not assisted by this program?
- If you answered **'YES'** to any of the questions above and meet the income eligibility **YOU MAY QUALIFY**



To Find Out More!
 Call 211 or 954-537-0211
 Ask for HSP





Overview

The United Way of Broward County, through its Mission United initiative, administers the SSVF program to help Veterans and their families with move-in assistance for new housing units or to maintain current housing.

The program also assists with supportive services, such as but not limited to bedding, utility deposit assistance, housing search assistance, case management, etc.

The SSVF program partners with Legal Aid Services of Broward County, 2-1-1 Broward, Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida, Veteran Affairs, Consolidated Credit, Morningday Community Solutions and other essential partners in the community.



For more information on eligibility or to learn more about our program go to www.missionunited.org or call 954-4-UNITED (954-486-4833)

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

How are we going to end Veteran homelessness?

The SSVF staff participates in community and outreaches events in known areas where eligible Veterans, who are experiencing homelessness, tend to congregate. Some Veterans are not aware of the housing options that are available to them. A Veteran who was living in his car was discovered by an SSVF Outreach Specialist. He was unaware of the SSVF program, but soon discovered he was eligible for the program. The Veteran was swiftly connected to an SSVF Case Manager and initiated his housing stability plan. The outcome resulted in the Veteran obtaining stable housing.

One way SSVF contributes to ending Veteran homelessness is by participating in the Point-in-Time (PIT) count. The PIT count is a national task managed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The goal of the PIT count is to obtain a physical number of unsheltered individuals who are experiencing homelessness on the street and at soup kitchens. The PIT count also provides opportunities for additional funding for housing and raises public awareness of homelessness in our communities. During the PIT count, pamphlets containing housing resources are given to individuals who identify as Veterans. As a community, the ultimate goal is the end Veteran homelessness.



Pictured: Lisa Besley, SSVF Case Manager, conducting survey

SAMH

We have decided to take this opportunity to introduce and recognize some of our old, new and returning staff.

Willie Boynton is one of our two designated Forensic Specialist/Hospital Liaisons. He has been with BRHPC for 11 years. He is dedicated, willing, approachable, and knowledgeable. He is committed to serving his clients and his motto for them is: “You control your own destiny.” Willie holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from FAU. Previous to BRHPC, he worked for the United Parcel Service for 21 years then worked for DCF as a Family Service Counselor for 2 years and as a Child Protective Investigator for 3 years.

Sherry Williams-Talomerna is the second of our Forensic Specialist/Hospital Liaisons. She has been with BRHPC since 1999. When she is not working here, she and her husband work with the Petra Rock Ministry that feeds the homeless on the first and third Thursdays of every month at Delevoe Park on Sistrunk Blvd. They served home cooked meals at 7:00PM. On Saturday, 2/20/16, she hosted a table at the ‘Outreach Health and Wellness Resource Fair’ sponsored by the Biblical House of God Church of Dania to raise community awareness of health, wellness and various other resources available to the community. She was able to share a variety of brochures and informational handouts from describing many of our BRHPC services. Many inquisitive residents stopped by and she received positive comments and inquiries about BRHPC services. There was great interest in the CIT training we provide to police officers from all the law enforcement agencies in Broward County. As a result of the positive comments about BRHPC services, an invitation was extended to Sherry to participate in a faith-based radio program called the “Community Marketplace” hosted by Neal Waugh. There was an excellent response to the program and callers were directed to BRHPC website for more information.

Picture below shows Sherry and Willie on one of their visits in the community while conducting home studies for “at risk” clients.



*Willie Boynton, Sherry Williams-Talomerna,
Shalonda Copeland, Tyron Mills*

SAMH



Richard Louis, pictured above with Sherry Williams-Talomerna and Willie Boynton, is our Court Liaison. He has been with BRHPC since 2004. He works with all the felony courts, but spends 4 days a week with the Mental Health Court judges, Mark Speiser and Ari Porth. Judge Porth has recently called BRHPC and commended Richard on his contribution to the Mental Health Court Process. This has led to Richard being named BRHPC Employee of the Quarter for April – June 2016.

Kimberly DeCina was recently hired as our new CIT coordinator. She is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University and has received a Masters in Social Work. Her previous mental health experience was in Palm Beach County, working in crisis stabilization and case management at South County Mental Health Center. She has also worked in quality assurance and auditing. Kim has a strong passion for the rights of people with mental health challenges, and hopes to increase CIT's growing impact throughout the county. Some of her goals for CIT are to develop courses for police dispatchers, as well as refresher training courses for officers who attended some of the early CIT classes.

Cheryl Clardy has recently returned to BRHPC as a Certified Peer Specialist. She will be working in all aspects of the forensic process with concentration on engaging clients who are referred to our Diversion Program. Cheryl describes her job and her return to BRHPC as follows: "Peer Specialist is a rewarding career and helps to surround yourself with supportive people from your job. I never forget that when my father passed away, Mike and Yolanda were so supportive. The saying goes "You never know what you have until you don't have it anymore." Well, thank you, Broward Regional, for allowing me to do it all over again. Because of that support from BRHPC and others I will have 21 years clean on April 14, 2016."

Healthy Families Broward

Annual graduation ceremony



On March 12, 2016, Healthy Families Broward held its annual graduation ceremony at Kid Inc. located at 819 NE 26th Street in Wilton Manors. The purpose of the event is to celebrate the families that have successfully completed the in-home parenting education services offered by Broward Regional Health Planning Council and its partners: Kids Inc., Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, and Memorial Healthcare System. The event is designed to honor parents for taking such a positive and active role in the growth and development of their sons and daughters. Their completion of the Healthy Families program is evidence of the commitment they made to embrace positive parent-child interaction through their children's lives. It is also a celebration of the knowledge gained towards achieving the family and personal goals they have set forth, such as challenging themselves to be self-sufficient, utilize community resources, and live free of abuse and neglect. During the ceremony, families donned caps and gowns as they accepted an achievement certificate as a reminder of the effort that they put into their family's well-being. It is our hope that, upon completing the program, our participating families will be able to encourage others within the community to also embrace positive parenting and create healthy environments for children to thrive.



Healthy Families Broward

Annual graduation ceremony



This year, we were privileged to have our first father graduate from the program after participating and sticking with us after he gained full custody of his daughter. In the mist of attending school, and working, he found the time to continue with Healthy Families allowing our very own Barbara Brown to continue to provide the services needed in order to graduate. Mr. William Wilson said that he saw the benefit in continuing with Ms. Barbara Brown, because he knew that there were things he could learn as a single father. It is the hard work of Ms. Barbara Brown and the other Family Support Workers that continue to ensure every graduation. that much more special.

We would like to thank The Children's Services Council, who provided a videographer to capture the event. A special thank you to Kid Inc. for hosting us, and to Staff from all of our sites that participated in making this event another successful one this year.

The Tenant Based Rental Voucher Program (TBRV)

The Tenant Based Rental Voucher Program (TBRV) has made strides in working toward our goals for this year. Seven clients have successfully achieved self-sufficiency between October 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016. In addition, seven prospective clients have started the initial assessment process.

The Financial Literacy workshops hosted by Consolidated Credit continue on a monthly basis to ensure our clients have access to opportunities to help them work toward self-sufficiency. These workshops are offered to all clients on the TBRV program. Those who attended, reported that this course met their specific financial needs and they are looking forward to hearing about other workshops as they become available.

The TBRV program also welcome Valerie Jean-Louis and Rhode Rosulme-Rock as Housing Specialists. Valerie and Rhode bring their enthusiasm for working directly with clients to the team.

If you would like more information on the upcoming financial literacy workshops please contact Nadienka Sanz, QA/Skills Development Coordinator at nsanz@brhpc.org



Nurse Family Partnership



BRHPC is thrilled to welcome Dianaser Garolera Bermudez, as the new Nurse Home Visitor for the Broward Health team for the Nurse-Family Partnership program in Broward County. Dianaser holds a Bachelor's of Nursing from the University of Sacred Heart and comes to us with many years of experience as a Healthy Start Care Planner/Educator, as well as 17 years of experience as a physician in Cuba and Africa. Diana!

The NFP team continues to use best practice by engaging in trainings throughout the state and in Broward County. In February, the team attended a 2-day training on Child Abuse and Neglect. In March, the Continuous Quality Improvement team along with our community partners at Women in Distress attended the final Learning Collaborative focusing on Intimate Partner Violence. The Nurse-Family Partnership program in Broward County has a 98% screening rate of Intimate Partner Violence.



We proudly service 89 mothers and 65 infants. We truly look forward to continue working with these families. Nurse-Family Partnership Broward works with first-time mothers and their children to improved prenatal health, improved child health and development, and increased economic sustainability. Nurse Family Partnership works to reduce the risk of pre-term labor and delivery, reduce infant mortality rate, promote breastfeeding, and improve the rate of prenatal care within the community.

Program participant's infant turns 12 months. Happy Birthday!



To qualify for the program and all of its benefits, 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.

Program participant and her infant

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 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.

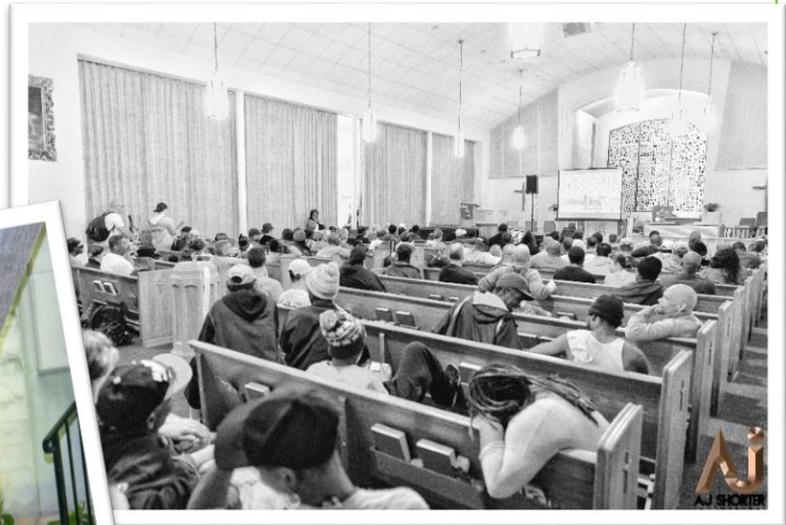


Point-in-Time

Homeless Count Update

2016 Broward County Point-in-Time Homeless Count Update

The 2016 Point-in-Time Count was a huge success! This year, there were over 300 volunteers including 100 law enforcement officers representing 10 agencies throughout Broward County. Beginning on the evening of Tuesday, January 26th through Thursday the 28th volunteers canvassed known encampment locations and areas frequented by individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Thanks to the hard work of everyone involved over 1,100 surveys were collected during the 29 hours of counting. A detailed report with a breakdown of Broward's sheltered and unsheltered populations will be presented mid-Summer 2016!



*Dr. Cyril Blavo and Nova Southeastern University students
volunteering during the PIT Count*

Please contact Shira Fowlkes at sfowlkes@brhpc.org or visit www.browardpointintime.org for more information.

Affordable Care Act Navigator Program

Navigators provide free in-person assistance to consumers, small businesses, and their employees as they look for health coverage options through the Federally Facilitated Marketplace.



Open Enrollment is the yearly period when people can enroll in health insurance plans through the Marketplace. Open Enrollment began November 1, 2015 and ended January 31, 2016. The Special Enrollment Period is a time outside of the Open Enrollment Period during which individuals have the right to sign up for health coverage.

In the Marketplace, individuals qualify for a Special Enrollment Period 60 days following certain life events such as a change in family status (for example, marriage or birth of a child), income, immigration status, or loss of other health coverage.

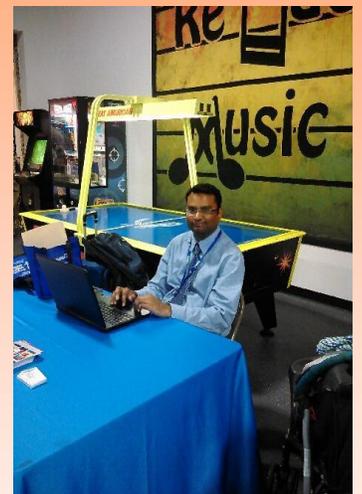
Enrollment Locations

- Holy Cross Hospital
- Memorial Healthcare System Clinics- Pembroke Pines and Dania Beach.
- AHF One River Plaza Healthcare Center
- Broward College Central Campus

Please contact a Navigator to determine your eligibility.

What do I need to bring to my appointment?

- Identification
- Tax return or proof of income
- Current insurance paperwork
- Any documented medical needs



For more information please contact BRHPC Navigators at:
(954) 561-9681
extension 1226



Early Learning Coalition



MEDIA RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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School Readiness & Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Interactive Map

Broward Regional Health Planning Council (BRHPC) unveils new interactive map to assist parents in finding School Readiness (SR) Program and/or Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) near their homes or places of employment.

BRHPC provides eligibility, enrollment and provider payment services for the School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten programs in Broward County. The *School Readiness* program provides subsidized child care assistance to approximately 10,000 children per month at more than 650 school readiness providers. There are currently over 5,000 children on a waiting list for these services.

Directions For Using The Map:

- Go to www.BrowardChildCare.org
- Scroll down the page until you see the map.
- To make the map full screen, click the top right arrow.
- To zoom in and out click the plus and minus sign at the bottom left of the map.
- To see a list of all providers, click “Certified Providers” on the left side of the map.
- To see multiple certified providers near each other, click on the blue circles.
- To view one certified provider at a time, click on the red pins.
- Click on the individual locations for contact information and type of service (SR/VPK).

This map is a great resource to locate certified providers near you!

About BRHPC

Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc. (BRHPC) is a not-for-profit, established in 1982, under Florida statute (408.033), as the legislatively designated Broward County local health planning entity. BRHPC is committed to delivering health and human service innovations for the uninsured at the national, state and local level through planning, direct services, evaluation and capacity building. Over the years, BRHPC has led statewide collaborative planning activities in partnership with the other ten Florida Local Health Planning Councils.



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Certificate of Need

**Hospital Beds and Facilities: 1st Batching
 Cycle - 2016**

Description	Dates
Summary Need Projections Published in F.A.W.	1-15-16
Letter of Intent Deadline	2-10-16
Application Deadline	3-02-16
Completeness Review Deadline	3-09-16
Application Omissions Deadline	4-13-16
Agency Initial Decision Deadline	6-03-16

**Other Beds and Programs: 1st Batching
 Cycle - 2016**

Description	Dates
Summary Need Projections Published in F.A.W.	4-01-16
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