

FLORIDA HEALTHY PEOPLE 2010 PROGRAM

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Florida Office of Minority Health

What is Florida Healthy People 2010?

Under Section 381.736, Florida Statutes, the Department of Health must report Florida's status on specific Healthy People 2010 goals and objectives to the state legislature. The Office of Minority Health produces this annual report that includes information on:

- ✓ Florida's status regarding health disparities
- ✓ Florida's efforts to increase minorities in health professions
- ✓ Progress of Florida's minority physician networks



Did You Know?

- ✓ Black babies are more than twice as likely as white babies to die before their first birthday
- ✓ Tooth decay is the single most common chronic illness in children. Latino preschoolers have over twice the tooth decay as white children.

Help us eliminate health disparities by:

- ✓ Volunteering to assist Closing the Gap grantee organizations
- ✓ Partnering with a community based or faith-based organizations
- ✓ Becoming a Closing the Gap Grantee

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OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH

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Why An Office of Minority Health (OMH)?

In 2005, the Office of Minority Health (OMH) was established within the Department of Health. OMH leads the Department's efforts to address health disparities in Florida's racial and ethnic populations.

- ✓ Florida is a diverse state with 39% of its population consisting of minorities. This percentage is expected to increase significantly by 2020
- ✓ Studies show that members of racial and ethnic minority populations are more likely to get sick or die from preventable diseases

What Are Health Disparities?

Disparities exist when one group of people gets sick or dies more often than another group.

For example:

- ✓ The cancer death rate is significantly higher in minorities
- ✓ Blacks make up a disproportionate number of HIV/AIDS cases in Florida
- ✓ Health disparities are associated with unhealthy communities that contribute to increased healthcare cost for all Floridians

What Does OMH Do?

OMH advocates for the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will help eliminate disparities. Activities include:

- ✓ Closing the Gap Grant Program
- ✓ State Partnership Grant Program
- ✓ Florida Healthy People 2010 Report

What is the Closing The Gap (CTG) Grant Program?

In 2000, Section 381.7351- 381.7356, Florida Statutes, the Reducing Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities: Closing the Gap Grant Act was signed into law.

The purpose of this act is to improve the health outcomes of Florida's racial and ethnic populations through community and faith-based outreach and partnerships with public and private entities.

Who Can Participate in CTG?

Any person, entity, or organization within a county may apply for a Closing the Gap grant. Each grant cycle is three years in duration. A grantee may only receive funding in one disparity area.

What Are the Seven Disparities Targeted by CTG?

- Maternal and Infant Mortality
- Cancer
- HIV/AIDS
- Cardiovascular disease
- Diabetes
- Oral Health
- Adult and Child Immunization

What is the State Partnership Grant Program (SPG)?

The Office of Minority Health was awarded a State Partnership Grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in 2005. The purpose of the grant was to assist OMH in addressing minority health and health disparities at the state, county and local levels.

Florida's State Partnership Grant Program strengthens the capacity of community and faith based organizations to eliminate health disparities in their communities.

How Does SPG Assist Local Health Organizations?

Florida's state partnership program provides the following resources to improve the service and effectiveness of faith-based and community-based organizations.

✓ Technical Assistance

- Strategic Planning
- Grant Writing
- Board Governance
- Networking & Partnership Building

✓ Speaker's Bureau

- ✓ Web-based Resource Directories
- ✓ Trains in Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Services
- ✓ Best Practices Workshops

