

Mission:

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

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2014 COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS RELEASED

PENSACOLA, FL – The Florida Department of Health in Escambia County (DOH-Escambia) recognizes the value in measuring health outcomes and today acknowledged the fifth annual 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.floridacharts.com.

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. DOH-Escambia 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 Escambia County, Florida. The rankings use data related to physical environments, social and economic factors, health behaviors and clinical care.

“Health impacts each resident of Escambia County, Florida, both on a personal level and as members of our community,” said Dr. John Lanza, Director of the Florida Department of Health in Escambia County. “While today’s report presents county-level rankings, we realize that promoting optimal health requires the efforts of all branches of our community including government, education, business, and civic organizations.”

The Florida Department of Health in Escambia County participates along with Baptist Health System, Escambia Community Clinics, Sacred Heart Health System, the Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County, and many other area stakeholders in the Partnership for a Healthy Community (PFAHC). In 2013, PFAHC published the area’s current Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The CHIP is designed to address specific opportunities for improved health that have been identified by the community. The 2013 CHIP addresses the need for improvement in the areas of nutrition and physical activity, tobacco use, and health management.

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