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STRONG SYSTEMS, STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Florida Department of Health in Escambia County selected to participate in technical assistance project from CDC and NACCHO



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Pensacola, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Escambia County (FDOH-Escambia) has been selected to participate in the Strong Systems, Stronger Communities (SSSC) Technical Assistance (TA) Project. SSSC is an initiative by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). The initiative supports local health departments (LHDs) in completing public health [performance improvement](#) projects through a tailored in-person and virtual training, TA program, and peer networking.

Seven LHDs from communities across the U.S. were selected for this year's SSSC TA cohort through a competitive process. Through the training and TA provided, these sites will work to address the social determinants of health and health equity by accelerating progress on the implementation of their community health improvement plan (CHIP) using the principles of quality improvement. Each team will hold an Equity Action Lab with their communities, during which they will identify, design, and test solutions to make improvements in a short period of time.

"Being selected for the 2019-2020 cohort is an incredible achievement," notes FDOH-Escambia's director, Dr. John J. Lanza. "This hands-on training will provide a unique opportunity to gain experience in quality improvement principles that will directly impact our community. We will use this training to address priority issues in our community, in an effort to protect, promote and improve our community's health."

FDOH-Escambia is one of the seven LHDs to participate in this project; using the TA opportunity to increase capacity around the development of the CHIP goals and strategies surrounding the infant health priority identified in the 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment. Visit [NACCHO SSSC](#) for more information on the SSSC program and previous sites selected.

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About the [National Association of County and City Health Officials](#)

The mission of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is to improve the health of communities by strengthening and advocating for local health departments.

NACCHO is the only organization dedicated to serving every local health department in the nation. NACCHO serves 3000 local health departments and is the leader in providing cutting-edge, skill-building, professional resources and programs, seeking health equity, and supporting effective local public health practice and systems.