

NACCHO received funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for a project to support local health departments to identify strategies to improve vaccination rates for human papillomavirus (HPV), the leading cause of cervical and several other types of cancers. The award supports the selected local health departments to engage locally with partners to increase HPV vaccination rates according to the [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' recommendations](#). The funding opportunity was available in states with the lowest HPV vaccination rates according to the [National Immunization Survey](#).

In fall 2014, NACCHO funded 10 local health departments to identify stakeholders and host an action planning meeting to determine strategies to address local HPV vaccination rates and develop a community-specific action plan. These local health departments are working with partners that represent a diverse group of community stakeholders such as state immunization programs, cancer coalitions, medical providers, hospitals, parent groups, schools, and others. Partnering with healthcare providers is especially important since research has shown that a physician's recommendation is the strongest predictor of HPV vaccination among adolescents.

The local health departments' action plans focus on six key themes: 1) Reinforcing the message that HPV vaccination is cancer prevention; 2) Working with schools to improve information about and provide the HPV vaccine; 3) Engaging partners as immunization champions; 4) Increasing access to the HPV vaccine; 5) Identifying opportunities to improve data; and 6) Educating and supporting providers in the community. NACCHO extended the funding to include implementation of their action plans through June 2016.

In fall 2015, NACCHO awarded funding to an additional 10 local health departments to participate in the action planning process with their identified community stakeholders through June 2016. Throughout the project, NACCHO is providing individual and multi-site technical assistance, and documenting and sharing lessons learned that will assist other health departments as they undertake similar work. Visit [NACCHO's website](#) to learn more.

2014 HPV Grantees

Barren River District Health Department (KY)
Berkeley, Jefferson, & Morgan County Health Departments (WV)
Florida Department of Health in Broward County (FL)
Central District Health Department (ID)
Dallas County Public Health Nursing Services & Polk County Health Department (IA)
Florida Department of Health in Duval County (FL)
Knox County Health Department (TN)
Somerset County Department of Health (NJ)
Prince William Health District (VA)
Tarrant County Public Health (TX)

2015 HPV Grantees

Florida Department of Health in St. Johns County (FL)
Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (FL)
Houston Health Department (TX)
Jackson County Health Department (MO)
Kanawha-Charleston County & Putnam County Health Departments (WV)
Linn County and Jones County Public Health (IA)
Niagara County Department of Health (NY)
Orange County Department of Health (NY)
Pima County Health Department (AZ)
Waco-McLennan County Public Health District (TX)

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