

Health in All Policies Success Story: Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County



Background

Hillsborough County is located in west central Florida, along the Tampa Bay. It is comprised of 1,048 square miles of land area and 24 square miles of inland water area. The county is home to three incorporated cities—Tampa, Temple Terrace, and Plant City—with Tampa being the largest city and serving as the county seat. A 2017 population estimate puts Hillsborough at 1,408,566 people, making it the most populous county outside the Miami Metropolitan Area with a population greater than the populations of 10 U.S. states.

Due to its constrained geographic features and rapidly expanding resident population, Hillsborough County is experiencing significant transportation and growth challenges related to urban planning and affordable housing. Cross-sector work is therefore currently focusing on these three interrelated aspects of regional vitality.

Goal

The Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County's (DOH-Hillsborough's) goals are to increase local awareness of what creates health and to use a Health in All Policies (HiAP) approach to improve community livability and the regional economy.

Objectives

To support the goal, DOH-Hillsborough works in three strategic issue areas:

- Conducting new cross-sector outreach;
- Supporting current partnerships and building on prior successes; and
- Linking where we live, learn, work, and play to current agency work and goals.



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Achievements

- Disseminated health equity information through formal committee and conference presentations externally;
- Authored a 2018 analysis used by the Planning Commission to make health-related comprehensive plan recommendations, *Imagine 2040 Tampa Comprehensive Plan: An Integrative Review and Comparison to the Orlando Growth Management Plan*; and
- Facilitated the 2019 passage of a non-binding Health in All Policies Resolution and project prioritization matrix by the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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