

**Mission:**

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



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**THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECEIVES EIGHT NACCHO AWARDS**

**Tallahassee** - The Florida Department of Health (DOH) in six Florida counties recently received eight Model Practice awards from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). They were awarded for outstanding contributions to public health in the areas of immunization, infectious disease, primary care and access to care, accreditation and quality improvement, organization practices and information technology. Only 38 Model Practice awards were presented to local health departments nationwide.

“Public health professionals in Florida’s local communities continue to lead the nation with innovative responses to public health needs,” said Dr. John Armstrong, State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health. “I appreciate this national recognition for the dedicated staff who provide public health services for Florida’s families.”

The Florida Department of Health in Volusia County received three of Florida’s eight Model Practice awards for their Clinical Productivity Dashboard, Provider Productivity Analysis and Second Review Process for Revenue initiatives.

The Florida Department of Health in Brevard, Broward, Okaloosa, Orange and Palm Beach counties also received NACCHO Model Practice awards. Brevard was recognized for their Primary Access to Health program and Broward was recognized for their Paramedics as Partners: Back to School Immunizations program. Okaloosa received their Model Practice award for their Improved Customer Satisfaction through Enhanced Feedback Capabilities program. Orange’s Customer Queue Management Program and Implementation program received one of the NACCHO awards while Palm Beach was recognized for their Use of IGRA for TB Infection Screening program.

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) represents the nation's 2,800 local governmental health departments. NACCHO’s Model Practice awards are presented annually to local health departments who exhibit cutting-edge responses that address public health needs.

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