

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



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### **Florida Department of Health Recognizes 2015 Healthy Weight Community Champions**

**TALLAHASSEE** – The Florida Department of Health is recognizing 65 communities as the 2015 Healthy Weight Community Champions. Florida’s county and municipal governments play an important role in increasing the prevalence of healthy weight in their jurisdictions. Local governments can implement a variety of evidence-based policies that increase physical activity and improve nutrition. Between August and December 2014, local governments were invited to submit best practice policies they have implemented in their jurisdictions over the year. A list of the 2015 Champion Communities and best practices can be found online at: [HealthiestWeightFlorida.com/recognition](http://HealthiestWeightFlorida.com/recognition).

“The health of Florida’s children, adults, and families improves with local solutions,” said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. “The number of recognized counties and municipalities for 2015 has nearly doubled from last year and shows the continuing commitment of local governments to shape healthy communities.”

The Community Champions program is part of the Department’s Healthiest Weight Florida initiative. [Healthiest Weight Florida](http://HealthiestWeightFlorida.com) is a public-private collaboration bringing together state agencies, not-for-profit organizations, businesses and entire communities to help Florida’s children and adults make consistent, informed choices about healthy eating and active living.

#### 2015 Healthy Weight Community Champions:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Alachua County           | City of Live Oak         | City of Tampa        |
| Broward County           | City of Madison          | City of West Miami   |
| Calhoun County           | City of New Smyrna Beach | City of Weston       |
| City of Apalachicola     | City of Newberry         | City of Winter Haven |
| City of Archer           | City of Oakland Park     | City of Winter Park  |
| City of Bradenton        | City of Orlando          | Collier County       |
| City of Cape Coral       | City of Ormond Beach     | Columbia County      |
| City of Clearwater       | City of Oviedo           | Gulf County          |
| City of Coconut Creek    | City of Palm Coast       | Hamilton County      |
| City of Crescent City    | City of Panama City      | Hendry County        |
| City of Deerfield Beach  | City of Pembroke Pines   | Hillsborough County  |
| City of Doral            | City of Pensacola        | Indian River County  |
| City of Fernandina Beach | City of Perry            | Jefferson County     |
| City of Ft. Lauderdale   | City of Pinellas Park    | Liberty County       |
| City of Ft. Walton Beach | City of Plantation       | Marion County        |
| City of Hawthorne        | City of Port St. Joe     | Nassau County        |
| City of Jacksonville     | City of Safety Harbor    | Polk County          |
| City of Jasper           | City of Sanford          | Putnam County        |
| City of Lakeland         | City of St. Cloud        | Sarasota County      |
| City of Largo            | City of Tallahassee      | St. Johns County     |

Town of Penney Farms  
Town of Pomona Park

Town of Ponce Inlet  
Town of White Springs

Wakulla County

The Department works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. During 2014, the Department is recognizing 125 years of public health in Florida with educational opportunities and events. Please visit [www.FLHealth125.gov](http://www.FLHealth125.gov) for more information.

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