

**Mission:**

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



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**Vision:** To be the **Healthiest State** in the Nation

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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECOGNIZES  
HEALTHY WEIGHT COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS**

**TALLAHASSEE** – The Florida Department of Health today recognized 37 communities as Healthy Weight Community Champions. Between November 2013 and February 2014, local governments were invited to submit best practice policies they have implemented to promote physical activity and improve nutrition in their jurisdictions. These “best practice” policies are exemplified by the Healthy Weight Community Champions. A list of the Champion Communities and best practices can be found below and online at: [www.HealthiestWeightFL.com](http://www.HealthiestWeightFL.com).

“Efforts to improve health are often most effective at the local level and the Department wants to recognize the outstanding progress made by these communities to promote healthy weight,” said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. “The commitment of these municipalities and counties affect nearly 9.4 million Floridians and help further statewide collaborative efforts to make Florida the healthiest state in the nation.”

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

2014 Healthy Weight Community Champions:

Alachua County  
City of Arcadia  
Broward County  
Citrus County  
City of Clearwater  
City of Doral  
Flagler County  
City of Fort Myers  
City of Hollywood  
City of Inverness  
City of Lakeland  
City of Largo  
Lee County  
Madison County  
Manatee County  
Marion County

Miami-Dade County  
City of Monticello  
City of Newberry  
City of New Smyrna Beach  
City of Orlando  
City of Ormond Beach  
City of Oviedo  
Palm Beach County  
City of Panama City  
City of Parkland  
City of Pinellas Park  
Polk County  
Town of Pomona Park  
Town of Ponce Inlet  
City of Punta Gorda  
Putnam County

Sarasota County  
St Johns County  
City of St Petersburg

City of Winter Haven  
City of Winter Park

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