## THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH APPOINTS HEATHER HUFFMAN AS HEALTH OFFICER IN CLAY COUNTY



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**Tallahassee, Fla.**—The Florida Department of Health has announced Heather Huffman, MS, RD, LD/N, IBCLC, as the new health officer for the Florida Department of Health in Clay County. Since 2004, Huffman has served as the WIC Public Health Nutrition Program Director for the Florida Department of Health in Nassau County.

"Ms. Huffman is a dedicated public health professional with a long working relationship with the Florida Department of Health," said Deputy Secretary for County Health Systems Kim Barnhill. "She will bring strong leadership capabilities and a wealth of experience to Clay County."

In her role as Public Health Nutrition Program Director for WIC in Nassau County, Huffman oversaw the program's administration and clinical operations. As one of the senior division leaders in her county's health office, she participated in strategic planning, grant management and many other duties. Prior to serving the department and people of Nassau County, Huffman served as the Obesity Prevention Program Manager for the Florida Department of Health in Duval County from 2002 to 2004.

Huffman earned her bachelor of science in health from the University of North Florida in 1995. She continued her studies at the same university and received her master of science in health in 1999. In 2013, she earned a graduate certificate in public health policy and management from the University of South Florida.

She is a registered dietician and a licensed dietician and nutritionist in the state of Florida. She is also a board certified lactation consultant. Currently, she serves as a board member for the Florida WIC Association and previously served as the Vice President of the Northeast Florida Breastfeeding Coalition.

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