



ALACHUA COUNTY  
COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
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# Community Health Improvement Plan

## Alachua County, Florida

### Introduction

Alachua County has been working towards its vision “A community where everyone can be healthy” since November 2012. In December 2019, the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Steering committee agreed to move forward with a new Community Health Assessment (CHA) to guide a new CHIP for Alachua County. The Florida Department of Health in Alachua County partnered with UF Health Shands and engaged the services of WellFlorida Council to complete the CHA. The CHA was published in June of 2020. This document is available on the FDOH-Alachua website - [Alachua.FloridaHealth.gov](https://www.floridahealth.gov/Alachua)

### The Vision

The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Steering Committee’s vision for Alachua County is **A Community Where Everyone Can Be Healthy**

### The Process

Alachua County again selected the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) process for community planning. MAPP is a nationally recognized model and best practice for completing needs assessments and improvement plans. The MAPP tool was developed by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) in cooperation with the Public Health Practice Program Office at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). NACCHO and the CDC’s vision for implementing MAPP is “Communities achieving improved health and quality of life by mobilizing partnerships and taking strategic action.” MAPP employs four assessments, which offer critical insight into challenges and opportunities throughout the community.

- **The Community Strengths and Themes Assessment** provides an understanding of the issues residents feel are important by answering the questions “*What is important to our community?*”, “*How is quality of life perceived in our community?*” and “*What assets do we have that can be used to improve community health?*”
- **The Local Public Health System Performance Assessment** is a comprehensive assessment of the organizations and entities that contribute to the public’s health. The Local Public Health System Performance Assessment addresses the questions “*What are the activities, competencies, and capacities of our local health system?*” and “*How are Essential Services being provided to our community?*”

- **The Community Health Status Assessment** identifies priority issues related to community health and quality of life. Questions answered during this phase include *“How healthy are our residents?”* and *“What does the health status of our community look like?”*
- **The Forces of Change Assessment focuses** on the identification of forces such as legislation, technology and other issues that affect the context in which the community and its public health system operates. This answers the questions *“What is occurring or might occur that affects the health of our community or the local health system?”* and *“What specific threats or opportunities are generated by these occurrences?”*

All four assessments were completed by mid-February, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic response and interruption to operations in the community. As a result, the CHIP Steering Committee convened exclusively through virtual platforms for the remainder of the process. Key finding and strategic prioritization meetings were also held virtually between April and May 2020. Each of the four assessments that were conducted are described in a written report and summarized in the 2020 Community Health Assessment (CHA) and the Technical Appendix.

Each assessment was conducted and described in a written report and the findings of all the assessments were summarized in the Community Health Assessment and the Technical Appendix. The CHA has been designed to work in concert with the Technical Appendix.

While the CHA presents data and issues at a higher, more global level for the community, all the data in the CHA that have identified these global health issues for the community are addressed in granular level detail in the Technical Appendix.

Between July and October of 2020 meetings were held with existing groups in the community to address the six priority areas that were identified from the CHA. Goals, strategies, and objectives were developed with subject matter specialist to create the CHIP Action Plan. Each group discussed available resources and how these resources may be used to achieve the goals and objectives in the CHIP. These discussions resulted in the development of action plans for each strategic issue area and are compiled in the **CHIP 2021-2024 Work Plan. (p. 9 – 22)**

## Strategic Issues

The intersecting themes that arose from the CHA included:

- Access to mental health care
- Health disparities (burden of disease higher among specific races, ethnicities, and residents living at various poverty rates)
- Access to affordable housing and utilities
- Access to employment
- Homelessness
- Income disparities
- Low utilization of preventive healthcare services
- Access to healthcare (physical healthcare)
- Lack of funding for safety-net providers
- Access to health insurance
- Access to dental care
- Public engagement and representation in policy change
- Adequacy of linkage to care services
- Access to nutritious food (proximity and affordability)
- Walkability and Pedestrian Safety
- High rate of STDs
- Opioid epidemic and substance misuse
- Tobacco use and changes in nicotine delivery products (such as electronic cigarettes)
- Zoonotic diseases
- Inappropriate use of healthcare resources
- Superfund site

*Source: Alachua Strategic Issue Prioritization Meeting, 2020. Prepared by: WellFlorida Council, 2020.*

## Strategic Priorities Identified

Following the final assessment, a list of potential strategic priority issues was presented to the Steering Committee based on intersecting themes from the assessments. From the strategic issues identified, a survey was administered to further prioritize health issues. Six strategic priority areas were identified under the broad areas of access to health care and community wellness.

### *Access to Health Care*

1. *Preventative and Primary Care Access*
2. *Dental Care Access*
3. *Mental Health Access*

### *Community Wellness*

4. *Nutrition and access to nutritious foods*
5. *Prevention and management of chronic disease*
6. *Affordable Housing*

Health disparity and health inequity topics will be interwoven into the goals of each of these priority areas.

Health disparities, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), are differences in health outcomes and their determinants between segments of the population, as defined by social, demographic, environmental, and geographic attributes.

Health Equity, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), is the attainment of the highest level of health for all people. Achieving health equity requires valuing everyone equally with focuses and ongoing societal efforts to address avoidable inequalities, historical and contemporary injustices, and the elimination of health and health care disparities.

### **Data Profiles**

[Health Equity Profile](#)

[Aging Profile](#)

[HealthiestWeight Profile](#)

[County Profile](#)

[Livability Index](#)

## Engaging the Community

Alachua County has been very fortunate to have an active, informed, and passionate community who are always willing to come together to address issues in the community, including health. A diverse group of individuals representing county and municipal governments, the school board, hospitals, the homeless population, behavioral healthcare, academia (including dental and health disparities), tobacco policy and prevention, family medicine, rural health, food systems, federal nutrition programs, public health, public housing, and social services all participate in the CHIP steering committee. Many of these same partners have agreed to participate in the implementation plan by conducting the activities described in the work plan. GNV4ALL is a group working in the community to improve the lives of Alachua County residents. The major focus areas include education, housing and transportation, criminal justice and jobs and families. Making improvements in any of these areas will help to address some of the social determinants of health. More information about GNV4ALL is available at <http://gnv4all.com/>

## About the Plan

The Alachua County Community Health Improvement Plan is a 4-year plan beginning in January 2021 and ending in December of 2024. The CHIP objectives use quantifiable performance measures, many of which are based on data included in the community health assessment. The CHIP includes a description of priority health issues, evidence-based strategies, measurable objectives with baseline, target value and target date. Social determinants of health and health inequities were considered in the prioritization process in determining the strategic priority areas. The goals, objectives and evidence base strategies, are in alignment with the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) [Florida SHIP](#) and [Healthy People 2030](#).

**Implementation** of the CHIP will be conducted by all the agencies and partners listed in the work plan. Each of the six goals are adopted from established groups in the community, which allows the CHIP to function with existing resources. This was an efficient way to engage subject matter experts in the process while preventing duplication of services. Individuals and organizations have accepted responsibility for implementing the strategies in the CHIP.

**Monitoring** the CHIP will be done by the CHIP steering committee with support from staff and volunteers at the Florida Department of Health in Alachua County. The Safety Net Collaborative and the Healthy Communities group will also play a role in monitoring the CHIP. Updates will be provided quarterly to Healthy Communities, the Safety Net Collaborative, and the Mental Health Coalition. These groups will make recommendations to the CHIP steering committee on an annual basis so the CHIP can be revised as needed. The Alachua County Health Care Advisory Group (an advisory group to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners) will also be informed on the progress of the CHIP. This group meets six times year. There is a health department position who reports on the status of the CHIP at each meeting. A report will be delivered to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners on an annual basis. All revisions to the CHIP will be posted on the Florida Department of Health in Alachua County website [Alachua.FloridaHealth.gov](http://Alachua.FloridaHealth.gov)

## CHIP Steering Committee

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*\*Updated May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022*



# CHIP Work Plan 2021 – 2024

## Access to Care

**Goal 1 Residents of Alachua County will be able to access comprehensive primary care and preventive services.**

**Strategy 1.1 Collaboratively assess and report Alachua County’s health care resources and needs, including patterns of health care utilization and barriers to care. Review indicators of access to care by comparing indicators to plan objectives and modifying and updating the plan if needed.**

**Objective 1.1.1 By December 31, 2024, annual reviews/revisions of the CHIP will increase from 0 to 4. (Annual report published each year)**

**Data Source: DOH-Alachua**

**Evidence Base: Community Guide**

Activity	Lead Person/ Organization	Anticipated Product or Result	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress
Publish CHIP Annual Report	DOH Alachua	Annual Report posted to DOH-Alachua website	Staff time	12/31/2024	CHIP revision 2022) in Progress
Provide annual CHIP update to Alachua County Health Care Advisory Board (ACHCAB). LEAD: Alachua County Health Department	DOH Alachua	Provide CHIP Annual update to ACHCAB	Staff time	12/31/2024	CHIP Update is provided, health department representative attends the meetings. A revised CHIP will be published by June 2022
Schedule screenings mammograms and paps	We Care	Schedule at least 100 mammograms and 30 Pap tests annually	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	Scheduled 6 mammograms and 8 paps and processed 15 applications for the FBCCEDP (Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program) from 01/01/2022 to 03/31/2022

**Goal 2 Improve access to primary care services.**

**Strategy 2.1 Increase access to third party coverage, primary care, and other resources to maintain and expand safety net services and supplies.**

**Objective 2.1.1 By December 31, 2024, the three-year rolling rate of preventable hospitalizations under 65 will decrease from 977.8/100,000 to 928.1/100,000 (5%).**

**Data Source:** <http://www.flhealthcharts.com/>

**Evidence Base: Community Guide**

Activity	Lead Person/ Organization	Anticipated Product or Result	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress
Adopted BERTHA Resource	Safety Net Collaborative	Web-based application with search and interview functionality; Database of resource providers updated regularly.	Commitment from partners/providers to update information; Staff time from partner agencies	12/31/2024	<a href="http://www.findhelp.org">www.findhelp.org</a>
Safety Net Collaborative	DOH-Alachua	Safety Net Meetings	Staff time, meeting space (virtual platform), participation from community stakeholders	12/31/2024	<a href="https://www.alachuasafetynet.org">https://www.alachuasafetynet.org</a>  Safety Net meeting occur once a month between community partners; meeting minutes have been taken and filed
Establish an Urgent Care Center in East Gainesville	Alachua County BOCC UF Health	Urgent Care Center	Funding	12/31/2024	<a href="#">BOCC Meetings</a>

**Objective 2.1.2 By December 31,2024 annually inform local government policy makers concerning policies to improve healthcare access especially for underserved county residents, including financial and/or in-kind support. (From 0 to at least once per year)**

**Data Source:** AHCAB (Alachua County Healthcare Advisory Board)

**Evidence Base: Community Guide**

Activity	Lead Person/ Organization	Anticipated Product or Result	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress
Provide annual CHIP update to Alachua County Health Care Advisory Board (ACHCAB).	DOH-Alachua	CHIP Annual Report	Staff time, materials	12/31/2024	Revised CHIP published annually and available at <a href="http://Alachua.flhealth.gov">Alachua.flhealth.gov</a>
At least annually, inform Alachua County Board of County Commissioners of needs for increased/sustained policies including financial and/or in-kind support to improve healthcare access especially for underserved county residents	ACHCAB (Alachua County Healthcare Advisory Board)	Meeting Minutes	Staff time, materials	12/31/2024	Meetings held bi-monthly <a href="#">meeting minutes</a>

**Objective 2.1.3 Adults who could not see a doctor at least once in the past year due to cost will decrease from 13.7% (2016) to 11.6% by 2024.**

**Data Source:** <http://www.flhealthcharts.com/>

**Evidence Base:** Community Guide

Activity	Lead Person/ Organization	Performance Measurement	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress
Safety Net Collaborative	DOH-Alachua	Safety Net Meetings	Staff time, meeting space (virtual platform), participation from community stakeholders	12/31/2024	<a href="https://www.alachuasafetynet.org">https://www.alachuasafetynet.org</a>  Safety Net meeting occur once a month between community partners; meeting minutes have been taken and filed
Provide specialty services	We Care	# of clients, # of services	Facilities, staff time, funding	12/31/2024	98 clients, 55 completed referrals; VOS medical (physician, hospital, ancillary providers) \$2.9 million (subject to final revision). Florida Breast and

					Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (FBCCEDP)- processed 106 applications and scheduled 155 cancer screenings (CBE's, Pap, mammograms, ultrasounds)
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### Dental Care Access

**Goal 3 Enhance access to preventative and restorative oral health care.**

**Strategy AC 3.1 Increase access to care by expanding the capacity of the safety net.**

**Objective AC 3.1.1 By December 31, 2024, the 3-year rolling rate of ER visits from dental conditions will decrease from 1,143/100,000 to 678.7/100,000 (state 3-year rolling rate) by December 31, 2024**

**Data Source: [UF Health Community Dashboard](#)**

**Evidence base: CDC**

Activity	Lead Person/ Organization	Anticipated Product or Result	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress
ACORN	Joseph Benton	# of clients, # of services	Staff time, funding, equipment, and supplies	12/31/2024	July-September 2021  Totals # of Patients - 802 # of Visits - 931
We Care Dental Clinics for Adults without dental insurance	We Care	# of clients, # of services	Staff time, funding, equipment, and supplies	12/31/2024	VOS – Oral health \$80,978.00 # Adults seen: 60 # Volunteer Dentists: 116 # Volunteer Hygienists / Assistants: 49 # Volunteer Dentists Hours: 449 # No Shows: 7 # ER diversions: 12 Total VOS: \$47,610.50  (1/1/22 - 3/30/22)

Senior Oral Health Initiative	We Care	Free Prosthetics, general dentistry, oral surgery, no charge for eligible residents 62 y/o -2 yrs. res.	Staff time, funding, supplies,	12/31/2024	Jan - March 2022 - 28 clients
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**Goal 4 Promote oral health through prevention programs targeting children.**

**Strategy 4.1 Improve access to school-based oral health programs for children.**

**Objective 4.1.1 December 31, 2024, the percent of third graders who demonstrate untreated caries will decrease from 35.5% (2018) to 25.1% ([State Oral Health Report](#)) by December 31, 2024.**

**Data Source: UF College of Dentistry/ Health Department**

**Evidence base: CDC**

Activity	Lead Person/ Organization	Anticipated Product or Result	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress
Dental exams for third grade students	UF	# of exams	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	Percent of third graders in Alachua County with untreated caries: 39.6% (2022)
Provide sealants to third grade students	UF	# of students	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	Percent of third graders in Alachua County with sealants on permanent molars: 41.4% (2022)
Dental exams for third grade students	DOH-Alachua	# of exams	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	High Springs Elem: 19 Einstein Charter: 3 Wiles Elem: 29 Littlewood Elem: 12 Micanopy Elem: 9 Stephen Foster Elem: 16 Norton Elem: 17
Provide sealants to third grade students	DOH-Alachua	# of students	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	High Springs Elem: 53 Einstein Charter: 6 Wiles Elem: 81 Littlewood Elem: 45 Micanopy Elem: 23 Stephen Foster Elem: 44 Norton Elem: 45

**Objective 4.1.2 By December 31, 2024, the percent of third grade students who have sealants on their molars will increase from 41.3% (2018 Alachua Rate) to 44.4%.**

**Data Source:** UF College of Dentistry [State Oral Health Report](#)

**Evidence Base:** Center for Disease Control (CDC)

Activity	Lead Person/ Organization	Anticipated Product or Result	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress (1/1/22 - 3/30/22)
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**Objective 4.1.3 By December 31, 2024, the percentage of children in head start who receive at least one fluoride varnish application per year will increase from 85% (2017) to 90%.**

**Data Source:** UF College of Dentistry [State Oral Health Report](#)

**Evidence Base:** Center for Disease Control (CDC)

Activity	Lead Person/ Organization	Anticipated Product or Result	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress (1/1/22 - 3/30/22)
Fluoride program for head start students in Alachua County	UF College of Dentistry	# of students	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	Percent of children in Head Start who receive annual fluoride varnish application: 85.7%

## Mental Health Access

**Goal 5: Improve access to behavioral health services so all adults, children, and families can be active, self-sufficient participants of community life.**

**Strategy 5.1: Increase access to substance abuse and mental health services and increase awareness and education regarding behavioral health.**

**Objective 5.1.1: By December 31, 2024, the number of Alachua County residents who will have completed Mental Health First Aid Training will increase by 5%, from 6843 to 7185.**

**Data Source: The National Council for Behavioral Health**

**Evidence Base: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices.**

Activity	Lead Person/Organization	Anticipated Product or Result	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress
# of residents to complete the Mental Health First Aid	Mental Health Coalition	# residents to complete certification	Funding	12/31/2024	As of November 2020, 6843 residents have completed MHFA since January of 2017.
The Foster Grandparents Program allows for seniors to be interactive with the community and other seniors, is intergenerational and addresses social isolation.	Trelany Pennington, Foster Grandparents	To provide opportunities for low-income persons aged 55 or over; # of older adults participating	Funding, staff time, resources	12/31/2024	FGP allows for older adults to be interactive with the community and other older adults. They currently have 51 volunteers.  <a href="#">Alachua County Foster Grandparents Program</a>

**Strategy 5.2: Establish a syringe service program (SSP) - community based prevention programs that can provide a range of services, including linkage to substance use disorder treatment; access to and disposal of sterile syringes and injection equipment; and vaccination, testing, and linkage to care and treatment for infectious diseases. (www.cdc.gov)**

**Objective 5.2.1: By December 31, 2024, Alachua County will have one syringe exchange program will provide services to at least 100 clients.**

**Data Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/ssp>**

**Evidence Base: CDC**

Activity	Lead Person/Organization	Anticipated Product or Result	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress
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Establish a syringe exchange program and provide services	Alachua County Health Care Advisory Board (ACHCAB)	Provide services	Funding, staff time, resources	12/31/2024	The syringe exchange program is still in the development phase. WellFlorida Council who has been selected by the BOCC as the operator of the syringe exchange program on exchange 2-22-22
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## Nutrition and Access to Nutritious Foods

### Goal 6: To Reduce Food Insecurity in Alachua County

**Strategy 6.1: Address barriers to access to food for vulnerable populations through evidence-based interventions and collaborative efforts.**

**Objective 6.1.1: By December 31, 2024, the Food Insecurity rate in Alachua County will decrease from 13.9% (2018) to 13.0% (state %)**

**Data Source:** [Feeding Florida, Map the Meal Gap](#)

**Evidence Base:** [Healthy People](#)

**Indicators: Food Insecurity rate in Alachua County 2018 - 13.9%    Child Food Insecurity rate in Alachua County 2018 18.2%**

Activity	Lead Person/ Organization	Anticipated Product or Result	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress
Summer Food Service Program	ACPS - FNS	Continue USDA's Summer Food Service Program so students who regularly receive meals during the school year continue to do so during the summer.	Labor, foods following USDA guidelines, packaging	12/31/2024	73 feeding sites projected to operate in Summer 2022. The food truck will service 3 mobile sites in high need areas. With the goal of broadening its reach into areas of need, FNS has partnered with The Children's Trust of Alachua County, resulting in the setting up of 13 sites that will serve low-income communities in Alachua county.



Good Food Purchasing Program	ACPS - FNS	Improving equity, affordability, accessibility, and consumption of high quality culturally relevant Good Food in all communities.	Solicitations	12/31/2024	We are continually looking at all the criteria for the GFPP. We are working toward elevating our score by implementing the criteria that we had not met in the first round of evaluation. We meet regularly within FNS and discuss the areas of opportunity and we are working with our vendors and on our bids in these areas to continue to improve purchasing in the five core values: local economies, health, valued workforce, animal welfare and environmental sustainability.
Fuel Up to Play 60	ACPS - FNS	Increase access to nutrient-rich foods	Materials	12/31/2024	Curbside-to-go program was discontinued due to students returning to brick-and-mortar instruction A total of over 153,000 snacks, 96,000 supper, and 74,000 weekend meals were provided to Alachua County students in the first quarter of 2022.
<a href="#">Child Care Food Program</a> The CCFP helps childcare facilities implement "best practices" to ensure children have access to a variety of nutritious foods for healthy growth and to reduce obesity risk.	CCFP	Participation rates	Staff time/funding /equipment/ materials	12/31/2024	498,403 meals and snacks served - January 2022 through March 2022
Collaboration and networking among local food system stakeholders to increase awareness of resources, and leverage resources to improve access to food for Alachua County residents.	<a href="#">Food System Coalition of Greater Gainesville</a>	Meeting Minutes; Website	Staff time from agencies represented in coalition; Website platform / software	12/31/2024	FSC-GNV is a diverse local stakeholders who aim to improve our local food system through collaboration. monthly meetings -FSC-GNV mission - improving accessibility, justice, and sustainability of our local food system

Increase participation in the WIC Program	WIC	Participation rates	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	4430 (January 2022)
Deliver nutrition education to SNAP-Ed qualified participants	UF/IFAS FNP/DOH-Alachua	Participants report increased consumption of fruits and vegetables	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	UF/IFAS: Our Nutrition Educator's with FNP were able to reach approximately 110 Youth in Alachua County Schools and Early Childcare Centers and 42 Adults. 12 of those Adults took part in a Virtual lesson, all other classes were taught in-person DOH-Alachua - Nutrition Education Classes- Alachua County – 6 virtual classes (10/2022 – 12/2022) In-person - (2/2022 – April 2022) 8 classes City of Hawthorne Ages 60 and older
Provide technical assistance to school and community gardens	UF/IFAS FNP	Increased participation in school and community gardens	Staff time/funding /equipment/ materials	12/31/2024	Our PSE Specialist has reached 3 sites and impacted 1000 youth and 170 adults. schools – 1 community gardens - 2
Deliver technical assistance &/or training to food pantries leading to achievement of PSE changes that increase access to fruits and vegetables	UF/IFAS FNP	Increased access of fresh fruits and vegetables at food banks and pantries	Staff time/funding /equipment/ materials	12/31/2024	Currently in progress i

### Chronic Disease Prevention

**Goal 7: Increase the percentage of adults and children who are at a healthy weight and advance health equity through healthy places.**

**Strategy 7.1: Increase access to healthy foods and physical activity through policies, systems, and environmental approaches, nutrition education, and/or evidence base public health approaches.**

**Objective 7.1.1: By December 31, 2024, increase the percentage of adults who have a healthy weight from 40.1% (2018) to 44.11% (increase by 10%).**

[Data Source: Healthiestweight County Profile](#)

**Evidence Base: CDC**

Activity	Lead Person/ Organization	Anticipated Product or Result	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress
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Increase the number of recipes for local produce created for public distribution	FNP	Increase the number of recipes 25%.	Labor, education materials, recipes	12/31/2024	2800 recipes monthly to Pantries and Adult sites
Farm 2 School field trips in collaboration with nutrition education through UF/IFAS Family Nutrition Program	ACPS - FNS	Increase the number of field trips to the Farm to School Hub	Staff time	12/31/2024	Field trips are slowly returning to our Farm to School hub. In the first quarter of 2022, there were 2 field trips with a total of 45 students attending.
Farm 2 School blog posts for students	ACPS - FNS	Inform students on farm 2 school nutrition updates and activities	Staff time	12/31/2024	Blog posts just for students are not being created now that students have returned to in-person instruction.
Increase partnerships with local farms	FNP	Increase partnerships with local farms by 10%	Labor	12/31/2024	Number of farm partnerships 2019-20:11 2021-22: in progress
Diabetes Prevention Programs	DOH DPP/Self-Management	Increase the number or DPP courses offered to the community	Funding, staff time, resources	12/31/2024	Number of classes: 4

**Goal 8: Reduce illness, disability, and death related to tobacco use, including electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) use.**

**Strategy 8.1: Promote education and awareness of the harmful effects of tobacco and ENDS usage.**

**Objective 8.1.1 By December 31, 2024, Alachua County tobacco partners will conduct at least one educational presentation annually to a community member.**

**Data Source: TFA (Tobacco Free Alachua)**

Evidence Base CDC					
Activity	Lead Person/ Organization	Anticipated Product or Result	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress

Develop presentations and materials on relevant tobacco issues that adhere to CDC Best Practices.	TFA	Completed educational resources	Staff time, research of up-to-date materials	12/31/2024	Developed one presentation  Developed materials for tobacco control observances
Establish relationships with community organizations, leaders, and partners to identify opportunities for advancing tobacco-related objectives.	TFA	Number of partners that join tobacco free partnership	Staff time, networking, and outreach	12/31/2024	Met with two community leaders/organizations  Met with community leaders in Archer and Hawthorn, and Alachua County Board of County Commissioners. Took part in one community event.
Facilitate presentations to community organizations, leaders, and partners	TFA	Number of presentations conducted	Staff time, materials	12/31/2024	Conducted 1 community presentation

**Strategy 8.2: Prevent youth and young adults from initiating tobacco and ENDS use.**

**Objective 8.2.1 By December 31, 2024, Alachua County tobacco partners will maintain, or build upon, the existing Alachua County tobacco retail license by adding at least 1 additional policy to the current license requirements.**

**Data Source: TFA**

**Evidence Base: CDC**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Lead Person/ Organization</b>	<b>Anticipated Product or Result</b>	<b>Resources Required</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Status or Progress</b>
Identify opportunities at the city or county level for tobacco retail license advancement.	CivCom	Assessment of local policies	Staff time	12/31/2024	*N/A - local retail license no longer exists
Meet with policy makers to educate on the benefits of policy change.	CivCom, TFA	Number of meetings conducted	Staff time, volunteer time, decision maker time	12/31/2024	*N/A - local retail license no longer exists

Community leaders vote on and/or advance tobacco retail restrictions.	CivCom, TFA	Number of restrictions successfully pass by local government	Staff time, volunteer time, decision maker time	12/31/2024	*N/A - local retail license no longer exists
Alachua County leadership will maintain all currently established tobacco retail restrictions.	CivCom Alachua County Code Enforcement	Maintenance of all passed policies	Staff time, volunteer time, decision maker time	12/31/2024	*N/A - local retail license no longer exists

**\*Due to the legislation, this objective is no longer applicable.**

**Strategy 8.3 Promote cessation of tobacco and ENDS use.**

**Objective 8.3.1 By December 31, 2024, Alachua County tobacco partners will reach one additional audience for tobacco cessation resources through in person or remote means.**

**Data Source: SRAHEC**

**Evidence Base: CDC**

Activity	Lead Person/ Organization	Anticipated Product or Result	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress
Developing cessation tools and materials for in person or virtual use.	SRAHEC	Completed cessation resources	Staff time, materials	12/31/2024	Offered 17 virtual tobacco treatment groups and 10 in-person groups in Alachua County
Conduct presentations and facilitate the use of cessation materials.	SRAHEC	Number of audiences reached	Staff time, materials	12/31/2024	Provided one training in Alachua County in January

**Affordable Housing**

**Goal 9 Improve access to affordable housing**

**Strategy 9.1: Reduce the renter-occupied housing units with gross rent costing 30% or more of household income**

**Objective 9.1.1: By December 31, 2024, the renter-occupied housing units with gross rent costing 30% or more of household income, percent of Renter-occupied households, single year will decrease from 58.2% (2018) to 56.7% (state rate 2018)**

**Data Source: <http://www.flhealthcharts.com/>**

**Evidence Base: The Community Guide**

Activity	Lead Person/ Organization	Anticipated Product or Result	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress
Alachua County Housing Programs	Alachua County Housing Programs	Affordable housing	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	<a href="#">Alachua County Housing Programs</a>
Alachua County Interactive Housing Map - Affordable Housing Tool - helps with locating public institutions, food markets, housing options, transportation, hospitals, and healthcare centers throughout Alachua County.	Alachua County Growth Management	The Interactive Housing Map is a navigation tool that provides future and current residents assistance in locating affordable housing and insight and transparency in locating public institutions, transportation, hospitals and healthcare centers, and food markets throughout Alachua County.	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	<a href="#">Alachua County Housing Resources</a>
SHIP (State Housing Initiative Program) that aids older adult residents (homeowners) living in the County repair assistance. We provide ramps, roofs, electrical, window etc.  Other programs that are coming online will be assistance to landlords to make repairs subject to keeping units affordable.	Alachua County Housing Programs	Assistance for rehabilitation of housing to older adult residents	Staff time, funding, time	12/31/2024	Approximately \$625,000.00 in owner occupied rehabilitation assistance, and additional \$80,000.00 plus dollars to assist with the purchase of a new home to Low, very low-income households. <a href="#">Alachua County Housing Plan</a>

## Alignment

Alachua County CHIP	DOH-Alachua Strategic Plan	Age-Friendly Action Plan	Healthiest Weight Florida	Florida SHIP	Florida Strategic Plan	Healthy People 2030
1.1.1	1.1.2	X		HE 2.2.1 HE 2.2.2		AHS-07 ECBP-D07 AHS-04
2.1.1		X		CD1.1 CD1.2 CD1.3 CD2.1	2.1.2	DIA-02 DIA-04 DIA-07
2.1.2		X		HE 2.2.2		
2.1.3		X		HE 3.1 HE 3.5		AH7 -08
3.1.1		X				OH-09 AHS-05
4.1.1	2.1.2 B					
5.1.1	2.1.6	X		BH 1.2.1 BH 4.1.1		MHMD-1 MHMD-2
5.1.2				BH 3.1.4		SU-03 SU-01
6.1.1		X	X	HW 1.1.4		NWS-1 NWS-2
7.1.1	2.1.1 D		X	HW 1.1.1 HW 1.1.4 HW 1.1.5 HW 1.1.6	2.1.1	NWS-3 NWS-4 NWS-13
8.1.1	3.1.4			CD 1.1.1 CD 1.3.2	3.1.1 B	TU-12
8.2.1	3.1.4			CD 1.1.1 CD 1.3.2 HE 3.5.3		TU-20
8.3.1	3.1.4			CD 1.1.1 CD 1.3.2		TU-12
9.1.1	1.1.2 B	X	X	HE 3.4.3		SDOH-04

## Revisions to the CHIP

<b>Date</b>	<b>Page #</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Revision Category</b>	<b>Revision</b>
12/10/2021	23	9.1.1	Revised goal	Change organization responsible for Activities to 'Alachua County Housing Division'
12/10/2021	10	2.1.1	Revised activity	Replace resource guide with Aunt Bertha
5/4/2022	23	9.1.1	Revised activities	Alachua County Housing Programs, added SHIP program, programs available for older adult residents, and other affordable housing programs.
5/4/2022	13	3.1.1	Added activity	Added senior oral health initiative program - We Care
5/4/2022	16	5.1.1	Added activity	Added Alachua County Foster Grandparents Program - addresses social inclusion in alignment with the Age-Friendly Initiative.