

## DOH-PINELLAS HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ In September 2014, DOH-Pinellas was awarded a \$2.8 million federal Partnerships to Improve Community Health (PICH) grant administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to reduce chronic diseases such as high-blood pressure, diabetes and heart disease in Pinellas.
- ◆ In early 2015, a fourth school-based clinic funded by the Juvenile Welfare Board will open at Pinellas Park High School to provide health services to students. DOH-Pinellas already has clinics at Northeast, Boca Ciega and Gibbs high schools.
- ◆ DOH-Pinellas was one of the first two metro county health departments to redesign its website for a more user-friendly experience. From its main page, Pinellas residents can find 24-hour disease reporting numbers, health tips, news, information about health practitioners in the state and alerts about health threats in the county.
- ◆ Dr. Bharti Shetye ("Dr. Abi") is a bariatric physician whose weight management clinic helps Primary Care clients lose weight and manage diseases such as hypertension and diabetes with fewer medications. She presented her research findings at the American Society of Bariatric Physicians' symposium in September 2014 and her presentation took the top prize in the Obesity Treatment Foundation's competition there. Dr. Abi competed against 18 other presentations by physicians affiliated with major institutions that included Duke University and the University of Texas Health Science Center. The judges were impressed by Dr. Abi's results without the use of weight-loss drugs.
- ◆ With funding support from the Board of County Commissioners, DOH-Pinellas will soon be offering more dental services to low-income, uninsured adults. Community partnerships with dental professionals who volunteer through the Healthy Teeth initiative and with the Public Defender's Office have also added more dental services for those in need.
- ◆ Media and the community can now access many Environmental Health inspection records on the internet using the eBridge link on the DOH-Pinellas website. Before eBridge, records sometimes incurred a processing fee for copying and staff time.
- ◆ WIC, the supplemental nutrition program for pregnant women and children younger than five, successfully transitioned from a paper-check system to EBT cards that are loaded with each month's benefits. The cards make it easier for families to purchase nutritious foods and they have improved staff efficiency.



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# 2014 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



**Florida  
Department of  
Health in  
Pinellas  
County**

***Fiscal Year  
2013-2014***



**Thank you to the partners who fund public health in Pinellas:**



# SERVICES PROVIDED DURING 2013-2014

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

- ◆ Almost 18,000 children and adults received immunizations during 21,500 visits to protect them from disease.
- ◆ More than 10,000 clients received Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) services during 16,600 visits.
- ◆ Vital Statistics served more than 34,000 clients requesting birth and death records.
- ◆ More than 600 refugees received screening services at DOH-Pinellas.

## PRIMARY CARE (PERSONAL HEALTH)

- ◆ More than 24,200 women and children received supplemental nutrition as clients of the WIC (Women, Infants and Children) program.
- ◆ The School Health program provided more than 744,800 services as part of its initiative to protect Pinellas students.
- ◆ More than 11,500 clients, most of them children and teens, made almost 31,000 visits for dental services. DOH-Pinellas is the largest Medicaid dental provider in the county.
- ◆ Healthy Start Prenatal helped about 6,000 pregnant women deliver healthy babies, while Healthy Start provided services to 3,500 infants during 50,000 visits. The Healthy Families assisted at-risk families to be healthy and prevent abuse and neglect.
- ◆ More than 5,000 children and more than 16,000 adult clients received primary-care services during almost 47,000 visits.
- ◆ Almost 12,000 clients received family-planning services during 19,400 visits.

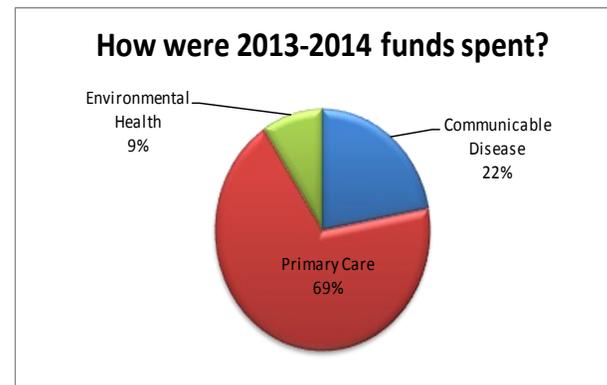
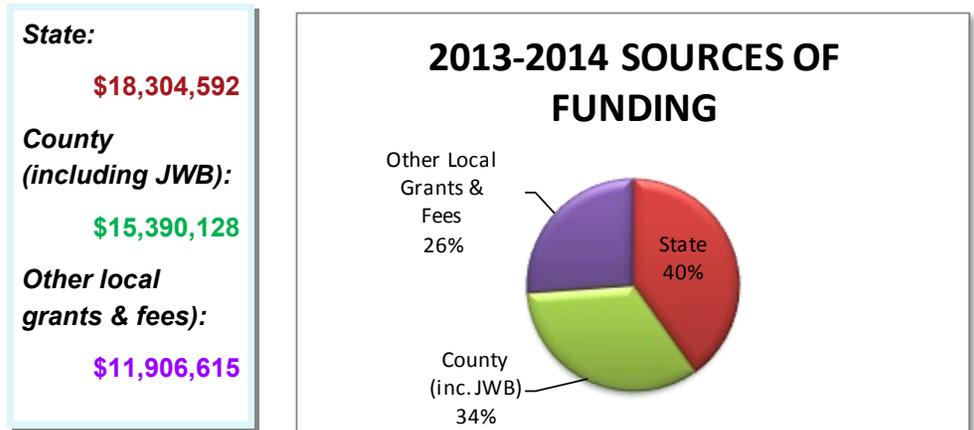
## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- ◆ To protect the community from disease, Environmental Health performed more than 30,000 inspections that included school cafeterias, nursing homes, public pools, mobile homes, groundwater contamination, beach water quality, and tattoo or piercing businesses.
- ◆ The Coastal Beach Monitoring program completed 256 water-quality inspections to keep Pinellas residents and visitors safe.
- ◆ More than 7,200 inspections of public pools and bathing areas were completed and more than 600 mobile-home park inspections were logged.
- ◆ Although DOH-Pinellas does not inspect restaurants, it inspects school cafeterias and other food-preparation areas in locations such as group homes. More than 5,300 inspections protected the health of Pinellas residents in day cares and nursing homes.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ DOH-Pinellas is the lead public-health agency in the county. We provide staff for special-needs shelters during hurricanes and other disasters and dispense medications in case of a crisis such as a biological-agent attack.
- ◆ DOH-Pinellas has been recognized for its 100 percent success in providing their infant clients with their required immunizations by the age of two. DOH-Pinellas is part of the Pinellas Immunizations Team for Community Health, a campaign to increase the immunization rates for all two-year-olds in the county. DOH-Pinellas also provides travel and rabies vaccines to the community.
- ◆ The Pinellas County Child Licensing Board that oversees daycares is also part of DOH-Pinellas. The board licenses and inspects home and business settings where children are cared for to make sure that they are in a safe place. The staff inspected 913 centers and 900 homes in Pinellas.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014



**Total  
2013-2014  
Funding:  
\$45,601,335**