



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 Shand’s 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](#)

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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.org/>

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

CHIP Steering Committee

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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) 4

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 Annual Review mtg 12/4/2023
Provide annual CHIP update to Alachua County Health Care Advisory Board (ACHCAB).	DOH Alachua	Provide CHIP Annual update to ACHCAB	Staff time	12/31/2024	DOH staff attends quarterly https://pub-alachuacounty.escribemeetings.com/?Expanded=Health%20Care%20Advisory%20Board
Schedule screenings - mammograms and pap screenings	We Care	Schedule at least 75 mammograms and 30 Pap tests annually	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	42 CBEs 41 mammograms 36 Pap tests 4 ultrasounds 4 biopsies 3 MRI

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%). 781.7/100,000

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 findhelp.org resource	Safety Net Collaborative	Resource is a free community resource guide to help you find free and reduced cost services near you	Commitment from partners/providers to update information; Staff time from partner agencies	12/31/2024	www.findhelp.org
Safety Net Collaborative	DOH-Alachua	Safety Net Meetings	Staff time, meeting space (virtual platform), participation from community stakeholders	12/31/2024	https://www.alachua.asafetynet.org Safety Net meetings held monthly.
Establish an Urgent Care Center in East Gainesville	Alachua County BOCC UF Health City of Gainesville	Urgent Care Center	Funding	12/31/2024	UF Health's East Gainesville center celebrated - UF Health
18 and under/.65 and over Fare Free Program	City of Gainesville	Sustainable Program	Funding	12/31/2024	RTS "18 and Under, 65 and Over" Free Fare Program - Go-RTS 440,080 riders 2022

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) 4

Data Source: ACHCAB (Alachua County Healthcare Advisory Board)

Evidence Base: Community Guide

Activity	Lead Person/ Organization	Anticipated Product or Result	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress
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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 Alachua.flhealth.gov
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	community health worker (CHW) program, health department after hours program. UF Health Urgent Care Center - East Gainesville

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. 13.8%

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),	12/31/2024	monthly meetings
Provide specialty services	We Care	# of clients, # of services	Facilities, staff time, funding	12/31/2024	136 unduplicated clients, 260 completed referrals

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, 956.4 /100.000 19-21 On track

Data Source: [FlhealthCharts](https://flhealthcharts.com/)

Evidence base: CDC

Activity	Lead Person/ Organization	Anticipated Product or Result	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress
ACORN	Candace King	# of clients, # of services	Staff time, funding, equipment, and supplies	12/31/2024	Total patients - 2,017 Total visits - 4,549 Female - 61% Male - 38% Non-binary - 1% October 20, 2023
We Care Dental Clinics for Adults without dental insurance	Melissa Laliberte	# of clients, # of services	Staff time, funding, equipment, and supplies	12/31/2024	84 unduplicated clients, 187 services delivered
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	9 clients 65 yoa and over

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. 36.1% (1/2024)

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 screenings for third grade students	UF	# of screenings	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	21 schools 573 screenings (2023)

Provide sealants to third grade students	UF	# of students	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	12 schools 856 students (2023)
Dental screenings for third grade students	DOH-Alachua	# of screenings	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	520 screening
Provide sealants to third grade students	DOH-Alachua	# of students	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	1060 sealants

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%. **42.4% (1/2024)**

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

Evidence Base: Center for Disease Control (CDC)

[The Public Health Dental Program](#) and its partners provide cost-effective initiatives such as community water fluoridation and school-based sealant programs that aim to improve our population's oral health.

Activity	Lead Person/ Organization	Anticipated Product or Result	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress (1/1/22 - 3/30/22)
Dental screenings for third grade students	UF	#of screenings	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	21 schools 573 screenings (2023)
Provide sealants to third grade students	UF	#of schools #of students	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	12 schools 856 students (2023)
Dental screenings for third grade students	DOH-Alachua	# of screenings	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	520 screenings
Provide sealants to third grade students	DOH-Alachua	#of schools #of students	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	1060 sealants

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%. **93%**

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
Fluoride program for head start students in Alachua County	UF College of Dentistry	# of students	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	524 students 21 schools

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 1688 to 1773. 8032

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	8,032 residents have completed Mental Health First Aid - 2023.03.01_MHFA_Research-Summary_infographic.pdf (mentalhealthfirstaid.org) Sign up for training here . U.S. Reach - Mental Health First Aid
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. Health Department staff

					serves on Advisory Board.
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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. 0

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
Establish a syringe exchange program and provide services	Alachua County Health Care Advisory Board (ACHCAB) /WellFlorida Council	Provide services	Funding, staff time, resources	12/31/2024	Syringe Exchange Program Presentation and Approval of Oversight

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 11.1% (2021) to 13.0% (state %) 12.4%

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	USDA's Summer Food Service Program – available to all children 18 and younger	Staff, facility space, funding from USDA	12/31/2024	<p>Summer 2023, FNS operated a total of 77 sites under the Summer Food Service Program (FPSP).</p> <p>68,401 breakfasts, 102,721 lunches, and 2,114 snacks were served throughout Summer 2023.</p>
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	Quarterly blog posts have been published for families featuring publications regarding local produce.
Child Care Food Program 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	The Child Care Food Program served an average of 13,061 meals daily including those at child care centers, home child care centers, and at risk after school programs

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.	Food System Coalition of Greater Gainesville	Meeting Minutes; Website	Staff time from agencies represented in coalition; Website platform / software	12/31/2024	Food System of Greater Gainesville has sunset in 2023
Increase participation in the WIC Program	WIC	Participation rates	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	4414 average quarterly The average number of recipients is up from 4120 quarterly in 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: Nutrition education reach - over 700 youth in Alachua County in 2023. 58 Classes were taught in-person and 1 class was taught virtually.
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	PSEs - reached a total of approximately 2000 youth across multiple schools & ECE's and community gardens sites in Alachua County
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	Ongoing

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% (2019) to 44.11% (increase by 10%).40.1%

Data Source: [Healthiestweight County Profile](#)

Evidence Base: CDC

Activity	Lead Person/ Organization	Anticipated Product or Result	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress
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	Over 700 recipes were given to youth participants who received Direct Education.
FNS quarterly wellness newsletter addressed to principals and Healthy School Team's coordinators at each school and Farm 2 School blog posts for families.	ACPS – FNS	Inform the school community on Food and Nutrition Services updates and activities.	Staff time	12/31/2024	FNS quarterly wellness newsletter addressed to principals and Healthy School Team's coordinators at each school and sent out quarterly.
Increase partnerships with local farms	FNP	Increase partnerships with local farms by 10%	Labor	12/31/2024	11 partnerships
Diabetes Prevention Programs	DOH DPP/Self-Management	Increase the number or DPP courses offered to the community	Funding, staff time, resources	12/31/2024	1 class
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)	ACPS -FNS	The FFVP provides all children in participating schools with a variety of free fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the school day.	Labor, foods following Food Fruit and Vegetable program guidelines, packaging.	12/31/2024	19 Alachua County Schools participated in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

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 members, community organizations, leaders and partners. 5

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	Developing materials on Point of Sale/Retail activities.
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	Worked with HPW Coalition to present at the Run For Your Life 5k and engaged with community members on tobacco cessation resources. Worked with the Center for Peace Building to help establish two new SWAT Clubs in Alachua County. Worked on informing County Commission, resulted in Smoke Free Parks 4/4/2023.
Facilitate presentations to community organizations, leaders, and partners	TFA	Number of presentations conducted	Staff time, materials	12/31/2024	Met with Sierra Club of North Central Florida partners to discuss Tobacco Free Parks and public spaces. Partnered with the Alachua County Education Foundation to participate in the Annual Wellness Day at Gainesville High School.

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.~~ *no longer applicable due to new legislation*

Data Source: TFA

Evidence Base: CDC

Activity	Lead Person/ Organization	Anticipated Product or Result	Resources Required	Target Date	Status or Progress
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. **2**

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	This CHIP objective has been completed, but we continue to make progress. In September 2023, the HCF Coordinator connected the VA Lung Cancer Department with Tobacco Cessation Resources and with the Coordinator for Tobacco Free Alachua.
Conduct presentations and facilitate the use of cessation materials.	SRAHEC	Number of audiences reached	Staff time, materials	12/31/2024	The SRAHEC conducted a total of 10 presentations in 2023 to facilitate the use of cessation materials in Alachua County.

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) **59.1% 2021**

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 – Alachua County Affordable Housing Plan – SHIP local housing assistance plan	Staff time, funding	12/31/2024	Presentation on Affordable Housing Plan to the BOCC 10/2023

<p>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.</p>	<p>Alachua County Growth Management</p>	<p>Interactive Housing Map</p>	<p>Staff time, funding</p>	<p>12/31/2024</p>	<p>Presentation on Affordable Housing Plan to the BOCC 10/2023</p>
<p>SHIP (State Housing Initiative Program) that aids older adult residents (homeowners) living in the County repair assistance. We provide ramps, roofs, electrical, window etc.</p> <p>Other programs that are coming online will be assistance to landlords to make repairs subject to keeping units affordable.</p>	<p>Alachua County Housing Programs</p>	<p>Assistance for rehabilitation of housing to older adult residents</p>	<p>Staff time, funding, time</p>	<p>12/31/2024</p>	<p>Social services open for rent and utility assistance</p>

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

Date	Page #	Objective	Revision Category	Revision
12/4/2023	15	6.1.1	Activity	Removed Fuel Up 360 Program due to funding completed
12/4/2023	17	7.1.1	Activity	Removed Farm to School Field Trips
12/4/2023	13	5.1.1	Revised indicator	<p>MHFA now provides total # of residents that have ever completed MHFA</p> <p>8,032 residents have completed Mental Health First Aid - MHFA is a skills-based training that teaches people how to identify, understand, and respond to signs and symptoms of mental health or substance use challenges in adults 18 and older and youth age 12-18. Global research and evaluation of these programs have contributed to a robust evidence base 2023.03.01_MHFA_Research-Summary_infographic.pdf (mentalhealthfirstaid.org)</p>
12/4/2023	18	8.1.1	Revised objective	<p>December 31, 2024, Alachua County tobacco partners will conduct at least one educational presentation annually to a community member.</p> <p>Revised - Objective 8.1.1: By December 31, 2024, Alachua County tobacco partners will conduct at least one educational presentation annually to a community members, community organizations, leaders and partners. 5</p>
12/4/2023	10	2.1.1	Added activity	<p>18 and under/.65 and over Fare Free Program RTS "18 and Under, 65 and Over" Free Fare Program - Go-RTS</p>