

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Protects our community by investigating, monitoring and regulating activities in our environment that may affect our health or lead to transmission of disease.

### Programs & Services

Beach/River water sampling • Rabies surveillance • Needle disposal

### Permitting & Inspections

Bio-Medical Waste • Community Pools • Mobile Home Parks • Body Piercing  
Tattoo/Permanent Make-Up • Septic Systems • Tanning Facilities • Public/Private Wells

### Facility Inspections

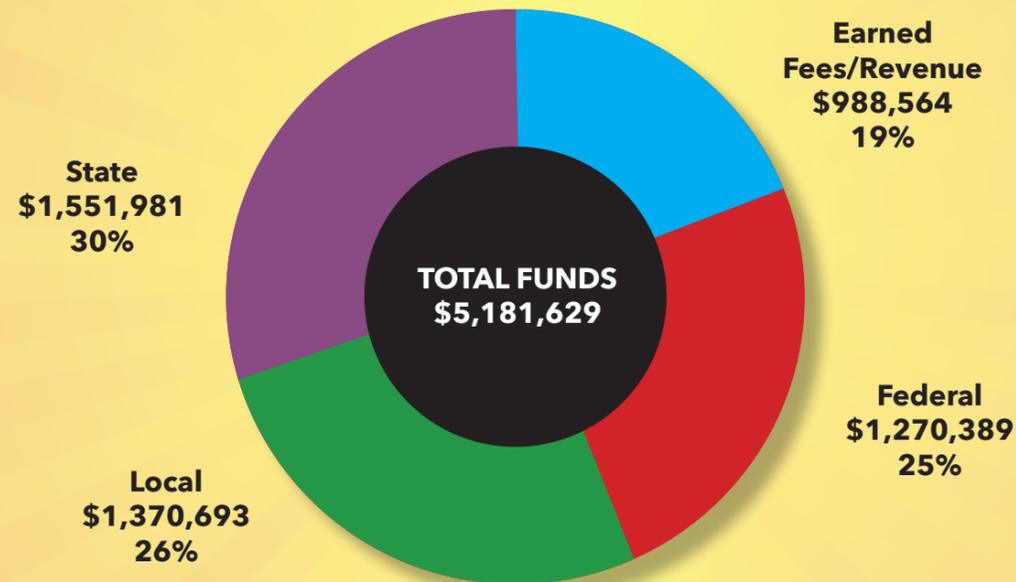
Schools • Assisted Living Centers • Residential Treatment Centers • Adult Day Care Centers

### Food Service Inspections

Schools • Correctional Facilities • Civic and Fraternal Organizations

## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, MARTIN COUNTY FUNDING

### Revenue Sources - FY 15/16



*Our mission is to promote, protect and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.*

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# PUBLIC HEALTH TOUCHES OUR LIVES EVERY DAY



# WE ARE PUBLIC HEALTH

## THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

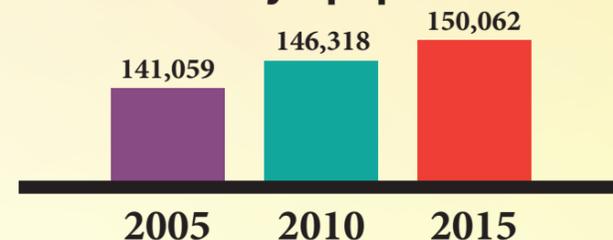
### Why focus on public health?

Public health is the science of protecting and improving the health of families and communities through promotion of healthy lifestyles, research for disease and injury prevention and detection, and control of infectious diseases. Overall, public health is concerned with protecting the health of entire populations. These populations can be as small as a local neighborhood, or as big as an entire country or region of the world.

### Improving Lives

By addressing the underlying causes of disease, public health can save money by reducing health care costs and strengthen the physical and economic health of communities.

### Martin County's population



Source: Martin County Government



## OBESITY IS PREVENTABLE



The costs of care for chronic diseases from obesity alone are estimated to be **\$34B** over the next 17 years.

**65% of adults in Florida** are at an unhealthy weight.

**1 out of 3 kids** are now considered overweight or obese.

## WORKING TOGETHER FOR A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

Good health is a foundation for a great community. A community that has programs and services in place to support the overall health of its residents will continue to prosper and thrive.

The Martin County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Priority areas:

- Raise awareness about existing health & human services programs
- School Health: improve Nurse/Student ratios and increase training for Health Assistants
- Reduce obesity rates

## SUCCESSES

### Committed to Excellence: Public Health Accreditation

In 2016, the Florida Department of Health achieved national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board. The achievement demonstrates our commitment to the community and to continuously improving public health programs and services.



### Saving Smiles!

#### Dental sealant and oral health education program

More than 3,000 Martin County children have been served, since the program began in October 2014.

With parental consent, the program provides free oral health exams, dental sealants and prevention education to children regardless of income. The program also helps to link children to care, if needed. Statistics show 25% of the children seen had tooth decay with 17% requiring urgent care. An Oral Health Coalition was launched in 2016 to address these issues.

### CHIP: Community Health Improvement Plan

The Martin County Health Advisory Committee is engaging partnerships to support the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

### Healthiest Weight & 5-2-1-0 Let's Go!

A culture of healthy lifestyles and choices is being developed through community cooking classes at local libraries, social services agencies and after school programs. Participants share information and recipes with family and friends, promoting and serving as role models for healthy behaviors.

### Emergency Preparedness

Health Department staff train year round with local and state partners to respond to various public health emergencies. Staff were called into action to set up and operate a special medical needs shelter when Hurricane Matthew threatened the Treasure Coast.



## PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS, PROGRAMS & SERVICES

### Clinics:

- HIV/STD
- Tuberculosis
- Family Planning/Birth Control : adults & teens

### Services:

- Birth & Death Certificates
- School Based Dental Sealants & Oral Health Education
- School Age Immunizations
- Healthiest Weight

### Programs:

- Epidemiology/Disease Surveillance
- Emergency Preparedness
- Healthy Start
- School Health
- WIC & Nutrition Services