



Staff and volunteers at the Feed the Need, Inc Food Pantry.

Donna Walsh and a family receiving a food pantry meal.

Pictured above is Marcus Prevot and the Community Paramedicine vehicle and Carlos Diaz with the DOH-Seminole Mobile Health Services unit.

DOH-Seminole Serving the Community Through Partnerships

Conveniently located on Airport Boulevard in Sanford, the Florida Department of Health in Seminole County (DOH-Seminole) provides clinical services for infectious diseases, immunizations, dental care, family planning, breast and cervical cancer early detection, and diabetes prevention, as well as other programs including Florida Healthy Babies, Women, Infants and Children (WIC), School Health and Tobacco Prevention. Mobile Health Services, along with Environmental Health and Health Education are among other services provided to the community in sites located throughout Seminole County.

DOH-Seminole facilitates collaborations and partnerships to improve the health of Seminole County residents and visitors; such as, through increasing access to care and addressing chronic diseases that often lead to poor health outcomes.

A unique collaboration is the co-location of the Feed the Need Central Florida, Inc. food pantry at the health department's main location on Airport Boulevard.

Since September 12, 2016, the food pantry has provided over 30,000 meals and services to 600 families helping to reduce access barriers

to food and linking health services for at risk populations.

Outreach in neighborhoods and communities through the Mobile Health Services program is an efficient way to provide services to populations with limited access.

Mobile Health Services include health screenings, education and referrals and provide awareness of resources as well as connect individuals to medical homes. The Mobile Health Services program collaborates with local community agencies such as The Sharing Center, Remington Inn, Grace and Grits, Rescue Outreach Mission and Goodwill who open their doors to receive services for their clients and surrounding communities.

Another important community service is HealthLink, the Seminole County medical system of care that ensures that uninsured county residents have access to health services.

Operated by the Health Council of East Central Florida, the HealthLink program connects individuals screened by DOH-Seminole with local health clinics based on whether the health issue identified is episodic or chronic. A pharmacy voucher system enables these individuals to

get a 30-day supply of prescribed medications and to enroll in a prescription assistance program.

Additionally, HealthLink directs pre-diabetic patients to the diabetes prevention classes offered by the health department.

New this year is a Community Paramedic home visiting program funded by the Florida Blue Foundation. HealthLink clients and others may receive home chronic care visits when ordered by their physician. It is expected that residents who benefit from this program will see lower use of emergency services and the hospital.



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