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DOH-COLLIER AWARDED COVETED GOVERNOR'S STERLING AWARD

DOH-Collier is only Florida organization to be awarded in 2019



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Naples, Fla. — The Florida Sterling Council awarded the coveted Governor's Sterling Award to the Florida Department of Health in Collier County (DOH-Collier) at the 2019 Governor's Sterling Award Banquet on Friday, May 31, 2019.

The Governor's Sterling Award processes have recognized excellence for 50 years, honoring organizations and businesses that have successfully achieved performance excellence within their management and operations. Last year, the Florida Sterling Council partnered with the Georgia Oglethorpe Award to administer its processes.

Headquartered in Naples, Florida, DOH-Collier provides services from five locations, including the Immokalee Clinic. DOH-Collier is the lead agency providing core public health services within the county. These services include statutorily mandated services and other federal, state, and locally funded programs, including clinical and nutritional services, WIC, community health planning and statistics, emergency preparedness and response, environmental health, infectious disease services, and vital statistics. Hurricane Irma made landfall in Collier County on September 10th, 2017. At the county's only special needs shelter, 120 employees cared for over 700 people with special medical needs around-the-clock.

- Overall Health Outcomes has remained at number two among Florida's 67 counties for each of the past five years.
- For the fourth straight year, the Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island, Florida, metro area had the highest wellbeing across 156 U.S. communities, based on data collected in 2017 and 2018 as part of the Gallup National Health and Well-Being Index and just 8 years ago, in 2011, it ranked 73rd in the nation.
- DOH-Collier is among the United States top performers, as identified by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation County Health Rankings, in the categories of adult smokers, adult obesity, and premature death.
- The HIV program increased the number of cases linked to care within 90 days from 82% in 2017 to 85% in 2018, and more importantly by implementing a new test and treat protocol, the program reduced the average number of days to link a person to care from 13 to less than 5.

DOH-Collier was recognized for their commitment to excellence and continued improvement. DOH-Collier builds and maintains its relationship with community partners through a robust system of service and leadership on many community coalitions, taskforces, and committees to achieve its Values of ICARE – Innovation, Collaboration, Accountability, Responsiveness and Excellence.

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