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Advocacy Tip Of The Week



The Florida Legislative Session began on March 5. The 60-day session is the period of time in which all state legislators are convened for the purpose of lawmaking. [Track](#) the progress of the bills as they move through the House and Senate and [contact](#) your elected representatives to voice your opinion.

Upcoming Events

HERO Book Release Party

Thursday, March 14
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Sun Dog Brewery
822 A1A N #105
Ponte Vedra, FL 32082

Community First Hale & Hearty 7K

Saturday, March 16
7:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Central Park
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

>WHAT IS HAPPENING?

News You Can Use From the March Coalition Meeting

The Florida legislative session began on Tuesday, March 5. The session will shape policies that will have a lasting impact on our community. The Coalition is monitoring two bills that will have a long-term impact on our city's health. [House Bill 631](#), Transactions in Fresh Produce Markets, would make it easier to certify Florida farmers' markets to receive SNAP Benefit payments by enabling farmers to form a third-party entity to manage the system. [House Bill 1301](#), Healthy Beverages in Child Care, would establish nutritional guidelines for sugar-sweetened beverages served in childcare settings that are consistent with the existing policy for Duval County Public Schools and align with recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). [Read more](#) highlights from the March meeting and learn how you can [take action](#).

The Community First Hale & Hearty 7K Travels to Fernandina Beach

Join the Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Saturday, March 16, at the inaugural Community First Hale & Hearty 7K in Fernandina Beach. The race celebrates the Fernandina Beach residents' vision of becoming a health community committed to happy and healthy places. Years ago, Leaders and residents developed a vision that would connect the relationship among economic, social and political factors with positive health and mental well-being for all members of the

**JAX2025: Measuring
Change: How Will We Know
We Did It?**

Wednesday, March 19

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Prime Osborn Convention Center

1000 Water Street

Jacksonville, FL 32204

**Healthy Jacksonville
Childhood Obesity
Prevention Coalition
Monthly Meeting**

Friday, April 12

8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Biltmore Elementary School

2101 West Palm Avenue

Jacksonville, FL 32254

*Note: Biltmore Elementary School
will be hosting the April Coalition
meeting.*

**Duval County Food Policy
Council Meeting**

Thursday, March 28

5:15 - 6:30 p.m.

Duval County Health Department

First Floor Auditorium

900 University Boulevard North

Jacksonville, FL 32211

community. Fernandina Beach joins Riverside as the second race site in the series. [Register](#) today for the race.

>WHAT IS AHEAD?

Healthy Habits in Bloom at Biltmore Elementary School

Join the Healthy Jacksonville Childhood Obesity Coalition at Biltmore Elementary School for a special Coalition meeting on Friday, April 12. The meeting will highlight how Biltmore Elementary School helps students develop healthy habits through their participation in classroom activities and in the school garden. Email [Healthy Jacksonville](#) to confirm your attendance.

>DID YOU KNOW?

Have You Been on the Healthy Kids Healthy Communities Dashboard?

The Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities Dashboard is an online resource where Coalition partners can connect with other groups participating in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant. [Log in or create an account](#) today to search for grant opportunities, register for free webinars, learn about best practices and research program ideas for our community.

Learn How to Read a Nutrition Fact Label

Teaching children and families how to read a nutrition facts label is an important step in developing healthy habits. [Nemours Health & Prevention Services](#) has created a series of informational videos to help children and families learn these valuable skills. [View the video.](#)

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