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Advocacy Tip of the Week



It is not too late to make a difference during the 2013 Florida Legislative Session. Currently two bills are going to the Legislature that will impact the health of Florida's youth. Read the latest on House Bill 631, [Transactions in Fresh Produce Markets](#) and House Bill 1301, [Healthy Beverages in Child Care](#) and download the Coalition's advocacy [tool kits](#).

Upcoming Events

**Healthy Jacksonville
Childhood Obesity Prevention
Coalition Monthly Meeting**
Friday, April 12
8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
Biltmore Elementary School
2101 West Palm Avenue

>WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Healthy Habits are Growing at Biltmore Elementary School

Join the Healthy Jacksonville Childhood Obesity Prevention 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.

>WHAT IS AHEAD?

Cast Your Vote At One Spark

Join One Spark for a five-day festival highlighting artists, entrepreneurs and innovators from around the world. The festival begins in Downtown Jacksonville on Wednesday, April 17 with \$250,000 in crowd-sourced funds for the featured project creators. Get to know the [health innovators](#) and [register to vote](#) at the event.

Calling All Healthy Visioneers

The Healthy Jacksonville Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition (HJCOPC) encourages its members to attend JAX2025 on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. The fourth meeting will focus on building partnerships that will take JAX2025 from a vision to reality. [Register to attend the event](#) and [view the draft health vision statements](#) written

Jacksonville, FL 32254

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

Shannon Miller Lifestyle Women's 5K and Children's Fun Run

Saturday, April 13

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

2 Independent Drive # 250

Jacksonville, FL 32202

Duval County Food Policy Council

Thursday, April 25

5:15 - 6:30 p.m.

Duval County Health Department

900 University Boulevard North

Suite 205

Jacksonville, FL 32211

Who Makes JAX2025 Real?

Saturday, April 27

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Prime Osborn Convention Center

1000 Water Street

Jacksonville, FL 32204

by the citizens of Jacksonville.

>DID YOU KNOW?

Spring Gardens in Full Bloom in North Florida

Help a child's appetite for healthy food grow this Spring by planting a home garden. Whether you live in an apartment or a house, starting a garden has never been easier. Visit the [Spring growing guide](#) for fruits and vegetables, produced by the Baker County Extension office. According to the [Farmers' Almanac](#), one of the most common mistakes gardeners make is planting too much, too soon. Become a gardening pro [with these tips](#).

Have a story for Bite-Sized News? Email [Jacquelyn Lowe](mailto:Jacquelyn.Lowe)

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