



2001 Grant Summaries

Dollar amounts are for one year, unless specified otherwise

Education Foundation of Sarasota County Inc., Sarasota

Amount: \$5,000

Grant requirements met: Health education and training

Geographic impact: Rural

Purpose: Continuance of "Edge of Excellence" program. The funds will provide 10 mini-grants to enable Sarasota County teachers explore new techniques and develop innovating and exciting health education projects. The program will include projects that target health education, awareness, training and health care workforce preparation.

MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation, Jacksonville

Amount: \$16,261 over two years

Grant requirements met: Positive impact on uninsured and underserved Floridians and health care education and awareness

Geographic impact: Urban

Purpose: Expand the successful TnT (tennis and tutoring) after-school program to include a comprehensive health education and activity component. The funds will underwrite development of a program to encourage health and responsible habits among youth in third through fifth grades. Program components include: non-smoking initiatives; HIV/AIDS education; pregnancy prevention; wellness and prevention programs; health promotion and education, and youth development.

Hope Haven Children's Clinic and Family Center, Jacksonville

Amount: \$17,255

Grant requirements met: Positive impact on uninsured and underserved Floridians

Geographic impact: Urban

Purpose: Develop a comprehensive assessment and treatment center for children with autism. Hope Haven will use the funds to increase access to specialty diagnosis and treatment to families who can't afford treatment at other facilities. Hope Haven based the concept on the outcome of workgroups with existing service providers including Jericho, Nemours Children's Clinic and the Autism Association to identify service gaps and with parents of autistic children to identify useful services.

Florida Academy of Family Physicians Foundation, Jacksonville

Amount: \$24,000 over four years

Grant requirements met: Positive impact on uninsured and underserved Floridians and health care education

Geographic impact: Urban and Rural, statewide

Purpose: Support for two family practice residents. The funds will finance the majority of their education tuition loan interest while they are in training during their first four years of practice. In return, the residents will serve their first year and four future years in high-need communities.

Community Asthma Partnership, Jacksonville

Amount: \$25,000

Grant requirements met: Positive impact on uninsured and underserved Floridians

Geographic impact: Urban

Purpose: Launch a collaborative, targeted, proactive intervention program for asthmatic children and their families. The grant will provide enhanced asthma treatment including medication at the hospital, an instruction video, follow-up visits with primary care providers, house calls to teach and reinforce ways to reduce future asthma attacks. Children will be selected for the program from the Wolfson Children's Hospital Emergency Department, and their results will be compared with a control group who will receive normal asthma treatment. This program has the potential to influence treatment procedures for asthmatic children nationwide.

University of Florida Department of Surgery Trauma/Critical Care, Jacksonville

Amount: \$26,550

Grant requirements met: Health education and training, workforce preparation

Geographic impact: Urban

Purpose: Expansion of Turning Point: Rethinking Violence, a program to alter violent behavior among first-time male offenders 10 to 16 years old. The program merges medical, legal and private resources to create a viable sentencing alternative aimed at preventing overall injuries among adolescent populations at-risk from the increased number of violent crimes. The funds will double the capacity of the program to 100; Turning Point is a collaborative effort of the trauma center, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Jeff Mitchell Foundation and the State Attorney's Office.

Baker County Council on Aging, Macclenny

Amount: \$32,076

Grant requirements met: Positive impact on uninsured and underserved Floridians

Geographic impact: Rural

Purpose: Restore and expand food delivery service for seniors who can't travel to congregate feeding centers. The funds will provide one meal a day, five days a week to 25 seniors for a year. This grant replaces recently lost funding for meals to 10 seniors and allows the addition of 15 more.

Florida State University School of Nursing, Tallahassee

Amount: \$37,000

Grant requirements met: Workforce preparation, and health education and training

Geographic impact: Statewide

Purpose: Purchase of a Pediatric Patient Simulator for the nursing skill laboratory. The grant will provide nursing students the opportunity to provide a variety of essential services to a child model that breathes, has a heartbeat and reacts to medication. The simulator will benefit 300 nursing students each year and countless children in the future.

Seniors First, Inc., Orlando

Amount: \$50,060

Grant requirements met: Positive impact on uninsured and underserved Floridians and health education and training

Geographic impact: Urban and Rural

Purpose: Establish a prescription drug education and advocacy program and related short-term case management for Orange County seniors at or below the poverty level. Seniors First identified the need for prescription drug education and advocacy through existing depression screening and counseling referrals to residents at 17 congregate sites. Many seniors experiencing anxiety and depression lack access to doctors and pharmacists. They also need help in finding drug subsidy programs. In addition, seniors sometimes experience psychosocial problems caused by use, misuse or overuse of prescription medications.

University of Miami School of Medicine Diabetes Research Institute, Miami

Amount: \$62,501

Grant requirements met: Positive impact on uninsured and underserved Floridians and health education and training

Geographic impact: Urban

Purpose: Develop a novel intervention program for improving diabetes management in a group of high-risk adolescents. The Diabetes Research Institute will use the grant dollars to create diabetes education and behavior modification models to enhance care and support for children 12 to 17 years old who have been diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. Underserved and uninsured children are often at higher risk of being unable to apply available beneficial therapies. Successful education models identified in the research could help others with diabetes. Educating diabetic teens in predominantly Hispanic and African-American communities to better manage their disease can have a long-term positive impact on their health and well-being.

Gulf Coast Community Care, Tampa-Bradenton

Amount: \$67,110

Grant requirements met: Positive impact on uninsured and underserved Floridians and health education and training

Geographic impact: Urban and Rural

Purpose: Expansion of Elder Ed, a prevention and education program that teaches older adults about management of prescription drugs and overuse of alcohol. This grant will allow expansion of the program from Pinellas and Pasco counties into Hillsborough and Manatee counties to reach an additional 3,000 seniors. Funds also will underwrite a targeted media campaign to highlight the importance of preventing medication misuse and alcohol abuse.

PACE Center for Girls, Inc., Pinellas County

Amount: \$81,000 over three years

Grant requirements met: Health education and training

Geographic impact: Urban

Purpose: Implement a comprehensive assessment program for each girl at the center. The program will entail health education and case management for a complete multi-spectrum approach to dealing with girls at risk of pregnancy, poverty, criminal behavior and incarceration. The project will increase knowledge about personal care and provide regular monitoring of each girl's health by a licensed nurse, who will also help each girl to establish a relationship with a primary care physician.

The Cardiovascular Center at Shands Jacksonville, Jacksonville

Amount: \$100,000 over two years

Grant requirements met: Health education and training

Geographic impact: Urban

Purpose: Develop and implement "The Women's Heart Health Initiative" to reduce the incidence of heart disease and death among women. Grant dollars will be used to increase physician awareness of heart disease in women including its unique signs and symptoms. The program also will promote heart health and wellness, and will educate the community on the dangers of heart disease in women as well as the signs and symptoms.

Sacred Heart Health System, Pensacola

Amount: \$118,938

Grant requirements met: Positive impact on uninsured and underserved Floridians

Geographic impact: Rural

Purpose: Establish a multi-phase program to educate seniors about prescription drugs and enroll them in a discount drug-buying program. The grant will educate seniors so they can make more informed choices about their health and increase their access to care. The program involves several participants: hospitals, a national consulting group, statewide drug benefit program and a multi-county area agency on aging.

Diabetes Coalition of St. Lucie County, Inc., Port St. Lucie

Amount: \$123,672

Grant requirements met: Health education and training

Geographic impact: Rural

Purpose: Educate a minority population that comprises about 15 percent of St. Lucie County. The project would train lay outreach workers to deliver health information about prevention, screening, early detection, self management and follow-up care for diabetes. It is expected to increase the participation of non-Hispanic blacks in health prevention activities, provide greater access to health education and improve the level of diabetes management by people with the disease. St. Lucie County has a higher than average African-American population with a death rate from diabetes 33 percent higher than for the white population. The lay health promoters would be based in hair and nail salons and churches and would collect information, monitor behavior of people with or at risk of having diabetes and recommend pursuit of treatment when appropriate.

Family Central, Inc., Fort Lauderdale

Amount: \$138,577

Grant requirements met: Positive impact on uninsured and underserved Floridians and health education and training

Geographic impact: Urban

Purpose: The first step in an initiative to build a comprehensive model of health care support within South Florida's subsidized childcare system. "Healthy Directions" will improve access and understanding of preventive and primary health care for young children in at-risk families receiving subsidized child care. The program provides screening and referral services at day care centers and reaches 500 to 700 children and their families in the first year. Healthy Directions is based on a proven model and provides an array of services to parents and teachers.

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