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DOH-BREVARD PARTNERS WITH TFAH TO ADDRESS PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS OF OLDER FLORIDIANS



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Merritt Island, FL— The Florida Department of Health in Brevard (DOH-Brevard) is pleased to announce its participation in the Florida Age-Friendly Public Health Collaborative and Action Network, facilitated by Trust for America’s Health (TFAH) with generous funding from The John A. Hartford Foundation. The department and TFAH aim to identify and enhance the role of public health in improving the health and well-being of the older adults in our community.

“We are excited to participate in this program,” stated Maria Stahl, DOH-Brevard Administrator. “The additional funding will allow us to enhance our partnership with community agencies that focus on healthy aging initiatives.”

In October 2017, TFAH brought together 30 experts in public health, aging, research and policy in Florida to explore how public health could contribute to the health and well-being of older adults. Convening participants developed a [Framework for Creating an Age-Friendly Public Health System](#) to advance public health’s role in addressing the challenges and opportunities of an aging society at the local, state and national levels.

Through the Florida Age-Friendly Public Health Network, the department will be working with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and community partners to identify priority health issues among our older adults. DOH-Brevard will receive tools, training resources, and technical assistance based on our unique needs. TFAH will be sharing the results of this initiative with public health stakeholders and policymakers across the country. This collaborative effort will help Florida meet the unique public health needs of older adults.

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