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Member Spotlight



The Duval County Food Policy Council is an organization dedicated to improving Jacksonville's food culture and its impact on access to safe and healthy food for all. The Council is seeking new members to participate in the second annual Food Summit. [Email Cecil Williams](#) for more information about the Council.

Upcoming Events

[Healthy Jacksonville Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition](#)

Monthly Meeting

Friday, October 11

8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Nemours Children's Clinic
807 Children's Way

>WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Childhood Obesity Awareness Month Rewind
Congratulations to the [eighteen Jacksonville area individuals and organizations](#), including former Jaguar Donovan Darius, State Representatives Mia L. Jones and Reggie Fullwood, who were honored as "health heroes" for working to prevent childhood obesity. The award recipients were recognized at an annual awards breakfast held by the Coalition to honor individuals and organizations who are making a transformative difference in Jacksonville. Additionally, the Coalition released the latest editions of [Stories From the Field](#), a bi-annual report featuring community partners working to combat childhood obesity in Duval County and the [Parent Resource Guide](#), which details free or low-cost programs that promote healthy eating and physical activity for local families. A special thank you goes out to Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools for providing the keynote presentation, Donovan Darius for hosting the breakfast and all of the volunteers who helped make the event a success. [See pictures from the event](#).

>WHAT IS AHEAD?

The Florida Legislative Session Is Coming...

This fall, Florida legislators are convening in committee meetings in preparation for the 2014

10th Floor Auditorium
Jacksonville, FL 32207

**Second Harvest North Florida
Community Garden Day**

Tuesday, October 15

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Success Garden

1232 Pearce Street

Jacksonville, FL 32209

**Duval County Food Policy Council
Monthly Meeting**

Thursday, October 24

5:15 - 6:30 p.m.

Florida Department of Health
in Duval County

900 University Boulevard North
Suite 205

Jacksonville, FL 32211

Duval County Food Summit

Saturday, November 16

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

WJCT Studios

100 Festival Park Avenue

Jacksonville, FL 32202

legislative session. Don't miss out on having your voice heard when our elected officials return to Tallahassee in January. The Duval Delegation [Organizational Meeting and Public Hearing](#) takes place on November 20. [Meet the Duval Delegation](#) and learn about the upcoming legislative session.

>DID YOU KNOW?

Where You Live Matters

Health: Place Matters 2013 is a report that highlights health inequities in Duval County. Duval County residents have demonstrated resilience with continued improvements in life expectancy and a slowing of the rates of deaths from some of the most common chronic conditions - heart disease, stroke, diabetes and cancer, but there are still many challenges. Addressing health disparities within different health zones (zip code specific geographic regions) will lower disproportionate rates we now see in Jacksonville. [Read the report.](#)

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