

The North Port Community Health Action Team welcomes all persons, businesses and organizations, who live or work in North Port, to be a part of the “action”. Joining is as simple as attending a CHAT meeting, or by participating on one of our committees. Through the passion and commitment of our members, the CHAT is making a difference in our community.

Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the City of North Port Police Department located on City Hall Blvd.

The North Port CHAT is part of CHIP in Sarasota County, Florida
For more information go to www.CHIP4Health.org



Our Community Health Depends Upon Our Community Voices...

Our Mission:

To achieve a safe, healthy community where individuals and agencies collaborate to assure the physical, social, and emotional well-being of all residents.

How:

- Advocate for an integrated health and behavioral health care system
- Work together as a community to reduce substance abuse among our youth and adults
- Promote “connectivity” in all aspects of the development and growth of our community
- Provide an effective way for the voice of the community to be heard and active in North Port

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North Port CHAT

Community Health Action Team

*Helping Build a Healthy,
Connected North Port*



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The North Port CHAT is part of a network of Community Health Action Teams in Sarasota County. CHATs work on issues related to improving the health of their community - such as access and availability of health care services, reducing substance abuse, and improved community relationships and "connectivity". Members include those who live in, or work in, the CHAT's community. There is no membership fee and no membership process. Anyone can come to a CHAT meeting and participate to the degree they choose.

The North Port CHAT has been active in North Port since 2002. Through the work of our members, we have successfully advocated for increased health care and transportation services to our community, as well as worked on initiatives to increase opportunities for all community members - young and old - to add their voice and ideas as we strive to build a strong, healthy,



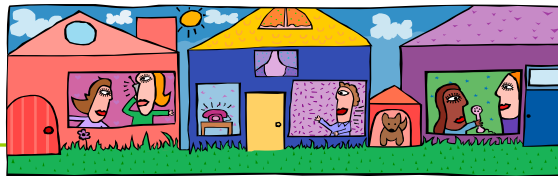
connected community.

We have several opportunities to serve on action-oriented committees, which are built

Health ↔ Connectivity ↔ Environment

around our belief that a strong community is built upon the foundation blocks of:

HEALTH: The CHAT explores how the community can positively impact issues related to health and health care services through



several means. Our aim is to support the development of an integrated foundation of quality health care to assure a strong, healthy future for North Port. This includes meeting with hospital providers to encourage the building of a hospital in our community, providing community support to local providers to build a strong network of quality healthcare, working with local non-profits and governmental agencies such as the Health Department, to assure quality medical services are available to all community members regardless of ability to pay. The CHAT is also activating a community strategy to reduce substance abuse among our youth and adults.



CONNECTIVITY: The CHAT explores how North Port can build connections which nurture a strong sense of "community". Connectivity builds the social network and quality of life which can make North Port a place people and businesses want to call "home". As an example, The CHAT will be collaborating with other civic groups and organizations on "North Port Connects", a project to acknowledge those individuals, organizations and businesses who take deliberate steps to build community connectivity. And, the CHAT sponsors "Celebrating the Cultural Richness of North Port" annually at Warm Mineral Springs.

ENVIRONMENT: The CHAT is concerned about preserving our natural environment for the future health and enjoyment of North Port. We explore ways to balance the "built-environment" with the natural environment, supporting the preservation of our natural resources. This includes helping to ensure the voice of the community is