



Health and Built Environment Committee & Healthiest Weight Florida
Present a Two-Day Health Impact Assessment Training

Introduction:

There is increasing acknowledgment that many health issues such as health disparities and preventive health care are profoundly influenced by factors outside the traditional realm of health and health care. Factors such as poverty, employment, crime, transportation and poor access to healthy foods contribute to disparities in life expectancy as well as to health-related quality of life. Concerns about how to address these factors have led to a focus on “health in all policies,” in which policies in non-traditional sectors such as transportation, economic development, housing, employment, and agriculture ideally would contribute to health and health equity. The Health and Built Environment Committee of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade is partnering with the Healthiest Weight Division of the Florida Health Department to bring this important training opportunity to Miami-Dade County.

What is a Health Impact Assessment?

Health impact assessment (HIA) is a combination of methods to systematically examine the potential health effects of proposed policies, programs, and projects, providing decision-makers with information about potential health benefits and harms, disparities in the distribution of impacts, and alternatives for improving the ratio of benefit to harm. HIA is a method of bringing health issues “to the table” that would not otherwise be considered in by decision makers in non-health sectors like active transportation, land use, brownfields or the promotion of healthy foods.

When is the training offered?

Monday September 29 – Tuesday 30, 2014

Miami Center for Architecture and Design
100 NE 1st Avenue, Suite 100
Miami, FL 33132

HIA 201 Content The two-day workshop will focus on the “how to” with an emphasis on methods for evaluating decisions that focus on access to physical activity, active transportation and healthy food. The course will include a discussion of current HIA practices in the US and Florida, as well as hands-on group exercises in which they will perform each phase of an HIA. The class will use two case studies developed on local projects in the proposed stage.



Who should attend the training?

Attendees should be familiar with HIA's and have completed the 101 training. Attendees should have an interest in performing HIAs and providing technical assistance to communities considering utilizing this important tool. A full two-day commitment and active participation is required.

Registration

Please register by filling out the registration form. You are not considered registered until you receive a confirmation from HBE. Space in the regional trainings is limited and slots will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis with priority given to active HBE members and targeted communities in Miami-Dade County.

HIA Resources

HIA Overview: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/hia.htm>

HIA Process: <http://www.healthimpactproject.org/hia/process>

Examples of HIAs: <http://www.ph.ucla.edu/hs/health-impact/reports.htm>

Design for Health: <http://designforhealth.net/hia/>

Transportation HIA Toolkit: http://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/transportation/hia_toolkit.htm

Online HIA Introduction Course: <http://advance.captus.com/Planning/hia2/home.aspx>

Please contact Karen Hamilton the HBE Chair at khamilton@sfrpc.com, if you have questions, need additional information, or would like to submit a case study.