



Florida Alliance for Diabetes Prevention & Care

Dear Colleague:

In recognition of your involvement in diabetes health issues on a personal or professional basis, you are invited to join the Florida Alliance for Diabetes Prevention and Care. The Alliance is a statewide, voluntary partnership of organizations and individuals who are committed to improving Florida's diabetes health system through community-level actions.

Who can be a member?

Anyone interested in diabetes prevention and control in Florida may join the Alliance. Members include organizations (county health departments, community health centers, hospitals, universities, insurers, professional associations), health care professionals (community health workers, nurses, dietitians, certified diabetes educators) and members of the community (faith-based programs, lay educators, individuals who have diabetes or care for a person with diabetes). Members focus on a range of issues such as: professional and community education, data and research, and building community partnerships.

What does the Alliance do?

The mission of the Alliance is to empower communities to improve the quality of life for all persons affected by diabetes. The job of the Alliance is to teach communities how to navigate the diabetes health system and how to find and leverage their resources. All members agree to promote diabetes prevention, education, and care in their community, whether they define their community as a neighborhood, county, region, statewide network or other description.

Networking opportunities

The Alliance's annual general membership meeting is an Educational Forum where current topics affecting the diabetes health system are discussed. Educational forum participants receive important information; strengthen their existing networks; and make valuable contacts with local, state, and national experts in diabetes prevention and control. Additionally, a member directory is being published which will improve networking and communication among members.

Leadership opportunities

If you would like to be even more involved, you can join one or more of the Alliance's four standing committees – Community Partnerships, Education, Communications, and Data/Information. Simply check the appropriate box(es) on the enclosed membership application and you will be included in mail outs and meeting/conference call notices for the committee(s) of your choice.

Members of the Alliance are encouraged to run for office on the Leadership Council. This is a 15-member board that serves as the Alliance's executive body. Members work closely with the Florida Department of Health – Diabetes Prevention and Control Program (DPCP), the American Diabetes Association, and the Florida Diabetes Advisory Council (DAC) to support the public health goals of the DPCP and the DAC.

How to join

Join the Alliance today by completing the enclosed membership form and returning it to the DPCP via email (diabetes@doh.state.fl.us) or fax (850.245.4391). Achieving positive change in prevention of diabetes and care of persons and families with diabetes will only occur if we work cooperatively and diligently through a coordinated statewide effort. If you share our mission of improving the lives of people affected by diabetes, now is your opportunity to become a member of this exciting partnership. Thank you for your contributions to diabetes prevention and care in Florida.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phyllis A. Bruno MSN RN CDE".

Phyllis A. Bruno, MSN, RN, CDE, Chair
Florida Alliance for Diabetes Prevention and Care



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mission: The mission of the Alliance is to encourage and empower communities to (1) identify, evaluate and coordinate local resources and (2) implement best practices to improve quality of life for all those affected by diabetes.

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The Florida Alliance for Diabetes Prevention and Care (the Alliance) is a statewide partnership promoting diabetes prevention, education, and care issues. The Alliance's Leadership Council has a leadership role in accomplishing objectives that support the goals of the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program and the Diabetes Advisory Council. Alliance members promote diabetes prevention, education, and care at the local level and may participate on one or more of four committees—Communications, Community Partnerships, Education, and Data/Information.

There is no annual membership fee for participation in the Alliance; however, to be included on the Alliance mailing list you MUST complete and return this Membership Application. Membership benefits will include newsletters, trainings, notification of funding opportunities, educational materials and more. Plus you will get the satisfaction of being part of an active statewide partnership helping to prevent diabetes and improve the quality of life for people with diabetes.

New Member:		<input type="checkbox"/> Individual		Updating Contact Info: <input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Organization			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation			
Name:			County:		
Title:			Phone:		
Organization:			Fax:		
Mailing Address:			Email:		
City:	State:	ZIP:	Website:		
IMPORTANT: Alliance correspondence is provided via email unless otherwise requested.					

COMMUNICATIONS: Produce an electronic newsletter for Alliance members at least two times per year. Implement other strategies to improve communication among Alliance members, especially regarding the strategic goals of the Alliance. Monitor, solicit, and review submitted success stories from Alliance members. Prepare this information for publication in the electronic newsletter and on the Alliance website. Develop the committee's annual action plan based on the DAC/Alliance state strategic plan and make progress reports at every Leadership Council meeting.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: Build membership and participation in the statewide Alliance and encourage development of and participation in local partnerships. Plan, promote, conduct, and evaluate the Alliance's Diabetes Educational Forums.

EDUCATION: Increase knowledge, awareness, and healthy behaviors related to diabetes and its prevention by promoting educational opportunities for professionals and community members.

DATA/INFORMATION: Increase the availability of data on diabetes and its impact on Florida for assessing needs and evaluating progress. Publicize data and promote avenues to increase data sources and availability. Review Leadership Council action plans to ensure objectives are measurable.

Please summarize how you promote (or plan to promote) diabetes prevention, education, and care to residents of Florida; new initiatives you are currently planning; and partnerships you currently participate in:

For the express purpose of connecting people in communities who have an interest in diabetes prevention, and care, a directory of Alliance members is maintained and circulated among members. Please check the following box if you DO NOT want your contact information included in this directory.

Name or Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please email, fax or mail back to: Florida Dept. of Health; Diabetes Prevention and Control Program; 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A-18; Tallahassee, FL 32399-1744. FAX, 850.245.4391; email, diabetes@doh.state.fl.us. Please call 850.245.4330 with any questions.

Thank you for your interest in diabetes prevention and care in Florida!

