

2026 CCRAB Spring Meeting

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**Florida Cancer Control
& Research Advisory Council**

Agenda

10:00 AM	Log-in & Networking	<i>All Meeting Participants</i>
10:05 AM	Welcome & Introductions	<i>Dr. Erin Kobetz</i>
10:15 AM	Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2024 Meeting	<i>Dr. Erin Kobetz & Council</i>
10:20 AM	Florida Cancer Plan 2026-2030 – Highlights of Opportunities for Action	<i>Dr. Erin Kobetz</i>
10:45 AM	Florida Department of Health Updates	<i>Dr. Joseph Ladapo & FDOH Team</i>
11:05 AM	Biomedical Research Advisory Council (BRAC) Update	<i>Dr. Danny Armstrong</i>
11:25 AM	State Legislative Update & Discussion	<i>Sen Burton, Rep Chaney, ACS CAN</i>
11:45 AM	OneFlorida Presentation	<i>Dr. Betsy Shenkman</i>
12:00 PM	Break (Lunch provided for those in-person)	
12:15 PM	Community Outreach & Engagement	<i>Dr. Ramzi Salloum</i>
12:30 PM	North Central Regional Cancer Control Collaborative Updates & Discussion	<i>North Central Regional Cancer Control Collaborative</i>
1:00 PM	Cancer Plan Implementation – Working Group Updates & Discussion	<i>Drs. Erin Kobetz, Ramzi Salloum & Susan Vadaparampil</i>
1:50 PM	Comments	<i>All Meeting Participants</i>
1:55 PM	Next CCRAB Meeting	<i>Dr. Erin Kobetz</i>
2:00 PM	Adjourn	<i>Dr. Erin Kobetz</i>



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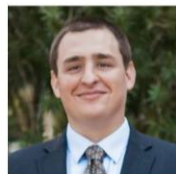
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Mission

The Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council was established by the Florida Legislature in 1979, under Florida Statute 1004.435, with the purpose of advising the Legislature, Governor, and Surgeon General on ways to reduce Florida's cancer burden.

Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council (CCRAB)

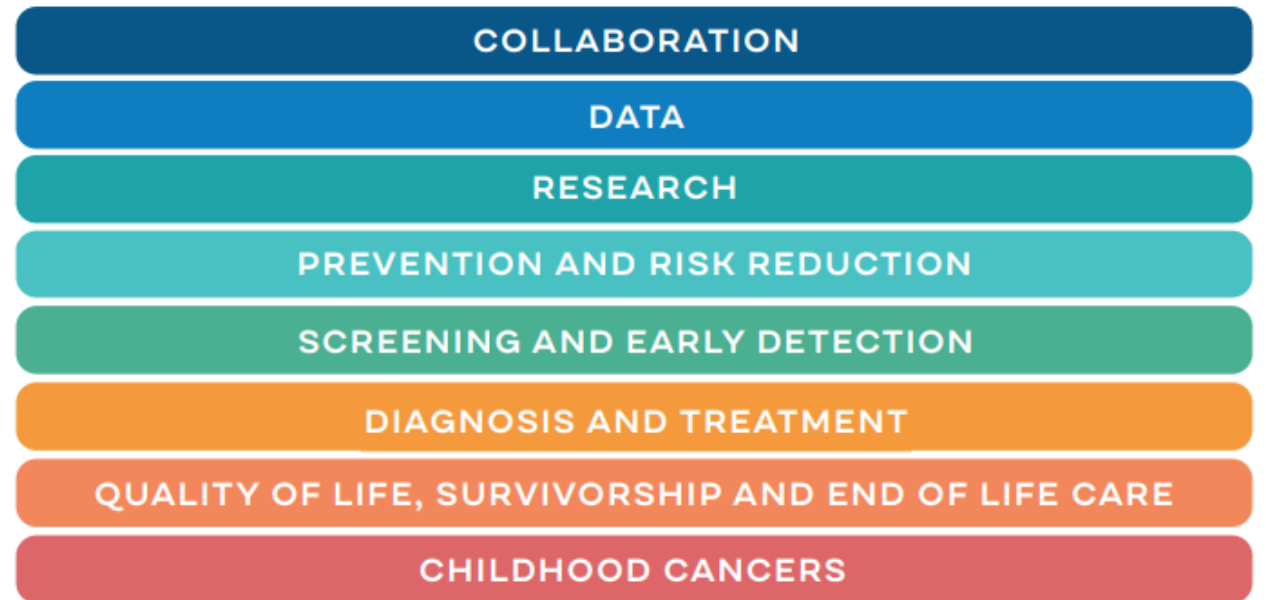
The CCRAB Annual Report highlights the latest statewide cancer incidence and mortality trends, geographic disparities, screening challenges, and community-based implementation efforts aligned with the 2026-2030 Florida Cancer Plan. CCRAB remains committed to advancing evidence-based policies and partnerships that reduce cancer burden and improve health for all Floridians.

Key Findings in 2026

- **Cancer incidence in Florida continues to decline overall**, mirroring national trends. Recent fluctuations reflect improved outpatient case capture, strengthening the accuracy of Florida's cancer surveillance system.
- **Cancer mortality has steadily decreased over the past decade**, driven in part by strong tobacco control efforts, improved screening, and advances in treatment such as immuno-oncology therapies.
- **Geographic inequities persist**. Rural and less populated counties in Northern Florida and the Panhandle experience higher cancer incidence and mortality, emphasizing the need for targeted prevention and access-to-care investments.
- **Late-stage diagnosis remains a major challenge**. Since 2016, approximately 46% of cancers are still diagnosed at advanced stages, with concerning increases in late-stage colorectal and prostate cancer.
- **Screening disruptions from COVID-19 continue to have downstream effects**. Screening uptake remains below pre-pandemic levels, contributing to later-stage diagnoses and avoidable mortality risk.
- **Cervical cancer elimination is achievable**. HPV vaccination rates are improving but remain below the 80% target needed to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem.

Florida Cancer Plan Structure

- ▶ The Cancer Plan takes a comprehensive, coordinated approach across the cancer control continuum. The plan follows the cancer control continuum shown here — from collaboration through childhood cancers.
- ▶ Each section highlights evidence-based strategies and interventions, including policy and education approaches, that build on existing programs. These strategies support coordinated action among statewide and regional partners working to reduce Florida’s cancer burden.
- ▶ The framework of the plan includes 22 goals & 84 measurable objectives and evidence-based strategies. These strategies are aligned with national guidelines. Progress is monitored using state & national data sources



Goals - Building the Foundation

Goal 1: Collaboration

Strengthen coordination among Florida cancer control partners to maximize resources, improve planning tools, and expand partnerships statewide.

Goal 2: Data

Enhance the collection, quality, and integration of cancer-related data to better monitor disease patterns, guide interventions, and inform policy.

Goal 3: Pediatric Cancer Research

Advance Florida's leadership in innovative and impactful pediatric cancer research.

Goal 4: Cancer Research

Expand Florida's national reputation for high-impact cancer research, clinical trials, and scientific innovation.

Goals - Prevention & Risk Reduction

Goal 5: Tobacco-Related Cancers

Reduce cancers caused by tobacco use through prevention, cessation, and policy strategies.

Goal 6: Cervical Cancer Elimination

Eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem through increased HPV vaccination and routine screening.

Goal 7: Melanoma Prevention

Reduce melanoma incidence and late-stage diagnoses by lowering exposure to harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

Goal 8: Genetic Risk Assessment

Expand access to guideline-directed genetic risk assessment, counseling, and testing.

Goal 9: Alcohol-Related Cancer Risks

Reduce heavy alcohol use and binge drinking among youth and adults.

Goal 10: Healthy Lifestyles

Lower cancer risk through nutrition, physical activity, obesity prevention, and healthy living initiatives.

Goal 11: Radon Exposure Reduction

Reduce radon exposure in homes, workplaces, and buildings statewide.

Goals - Screening & Early Detection

Goal 12: Lung Cancer

Reduce lung cancer mortality through early detection and expanded screening.

Goal 13: Breast Cancer

Reduce breast cancer mortality through regular, guideline-directed screening.

Goal 14: Colorectal Cancer

Reduce colorectal cancer mortality through screening and early detection.

Goal 15: Prostate Cancer

Reduce prostate cancer mortality, particularly among men at highest risk for aggressive disease.

Goal 16: Hepatitis C (HCV)

Eliminate hepatitis C as a public health problem to prevent liver cancer and related complications.

Goals - Treatment, Survivorship & Childhood Cancer

Goal 17: Cancer Treatment & Outcomes

Improve clinical outcomes through access to high-quality, evidence-based cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Goal 18: Quality of Life

Promote optimal quality of life from diagnosis through treatment and beyond.

Goal 19: Survivorship & Palliative Care

Expand access to survivorship services and high-quality palliative care.

Goal 20: Pediatric Cancer Care

Ensure high-quality pediatric oncology care for every child diagnosed with cancer in Florida.

Goal 21: Childhood Cancer Survivorship

Improve long-term health, well-being, and support for childhood cancer survivors.

Goal 22: Statewide Pediatric Survivorship Network

Establish a coordinated survivorship network to enhance outcomes and quality of life for pediatric patients and survivors.

CCRAB Recommendations

In accordance with its statutory advisory role, CCRAB recommends the following priority actions for Florida in 2026:

1

Expand Screening Where Mortality Burden Is Highest

Scale lung and colorectal cancer screening programs statewide, with emphasis on rural counties.

2

Reduce Late-Stage Diagnosis

Invest in navigation, diagnostic follow-up systems, and health system accountability for timely screening completion.

3

Modernize Florida's Cancer Data Infrastructure

Strengthen outpatient case capture, molecular reporting, and linkage with Medicaid and HIE systems.

4

Accelerate Cervical Cancer Elimination

Increase HPV vaccination uptake toward 80% through provider prompts, school-based strategies, and community outreach.

5

Sustain Tobacco Prevention and Youth Vaping Reduction

Maintain strong statewide prevention campaigns and strengthen cessation system integration.

6

Invest in Regional Implementation Capacity

Provide recurring support for Cancer Control Regional Collaboratives as Florida's delivery infrastructure for equity-driven cancer control.

7

Protect Florida's Research and Innovation Pipeline

Sustain funding for Bankhead Coley and James & Esther King programs to accelerate translation of discoveries into survival gains.

2026 - 2027 Cervical Cancer Elimination Grant

The Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center will fund projects through the Cervical Cancer Elimination Grant to support the work of the Florida Cancer Control Collaboratives. This award supports the development and implementation of collaborative, data-driven projects that advance cervical cancer elimination objectives outlined in the Florida Cancer Plan 2026-2030.

Grant Requirements

- Mandatory collaboration between a minimum of two Cancer Control Collaboratives
- Projects must align with Objectives 6.1 through 6.6 under Goal 6 of the Florida Cancer Plan: Eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem in Florida by increasing vaccination against human papillomavirus (HPV) and increasing cervical cancer screening.

Deadline: April 30, 2026

Application via RedCap: <https://redcap.miami.edu/surveys/?s=HRFT3HJXKX3PRYXH>



Nicole de Lara Puente
Chief Executive Officer

The Live Like Bella Childhood Cancer Foundation is recognized within the Florida Cancer Plan for its impactful work in advancing awareness, advocacy, and support for children with cancer and their families. Inspired by Bella's legacy, this section highlights the importance of addressing the unique medical, emotional, and social needs of pediatric patients as a vital part of Florida's cancer control efforts.

- ▶ Provides an innovative, enduring roadmap to reduce the burden of cancer in Florida
- ▶ Aims to improve health care access, outcomes, and reduce cancer risk factors
- ▶ Reflects collaboration among public and private partners across the state
- ▶ Accounts for differences in cancer risk and outcomes by geography, age, and across the cancer continuum (prevention to survivorship)
- ▶ Identifies opportunities for individuals, community organizations, and policymakers to take action
- ▶ Aligns with CCRA's long-standing commitment to cancer prevention, early detection, and control
- ▶ Emphasizes the human impact behind cancer through stories of children and families

Advancing Research Through Collaboration

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Opportunity for Regional Collaboratives

Support promotion of clinical trials open at NCI-Designated Cancer Centers

Florida Forward - Shared Vision

Florida Forward is a statewide, multi-institutional initiative focused on eliminating cervical cancer in Florida.

- Aligned with Florida Cancer Plan 2026 -2030
- Supports national and WHO elimination goals
- Focused on prevention, screening, care access and data
- Designed to drive coordinated statewide action

Florida Forward Committee

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2026 FACCA Retreat

- The 2026 FACCA Retreat brings together researchers, clinicians and institutional leaders from across Florida to strengthen partnerships and advance collaborative cancer research initiatives.
- Aligning statewide research priorities across Florida's leading cancer centers (FACCA)
- Strengthening collaboration to advance cancer research and improve outcomes statewide

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