

# Nemours Children's Health System Commends The Florida Chamber Foundation on Creating a "Scorecard" for Florida Children's Health

Orlando, Fla. (March 17, 2021) Nemours Children's Health System commends The Florida Chamber Foundation on Creating a "Scorecard" for Florida Children's Health.

Nemours Children's Health System is committed to creating the healthiest generation of children. Recently, Nemours Children's Health System had the privilege of partnering with The Florida Chamber Foundation on a "scorecard" to measure the state's progress on the Florida 2030 Blueprint. Through the partnership, new metrics were added to TheFloridaScorecard.org on Florida's Child Health Ranking.

The state ranking is based on health indicators that include the percentage of babies born with a low birth weight, children lacking health insurance, child and teen deaths per 100,000, and children and teens who are overweight or obese.

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"Florida school districts remain among the largest in the nation, and children represent the future workforce. The health, education and well-being of Florida's children are all interrelated, and crucial not only to their future success, but also to Florida's future economy. We are committed to ensuring we are delivering integrated and innovative pediatric care to those who will become the next generation of Florida leaders," Bridges added.

The Florida Chamber Foundation's Prosperity Initiative and the Business Alliance for Early Learning are focused on Florida 2030 Blueprint goals that state, by 2030:

- 100 percent of children are ready for kindergarten
- 100 percent of Florida 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are reading at or above grade level
- Less than 10 percent of Florida children live in poverty and 100 percent have a pathway out of poverty

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## About Nemours Children's Health System

[Nemours](#) is an internationally recognized children's health system that owns and operates the two free-standing children's hospitals: the Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Del., and Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando, Fla., along with outpatient facilities in five states, delivering pediatric primary, specialty and urgent care. Nemours also powers the world's most-visited website for information on the health of children and teens, [KidsHealth.org](#), and offers on-demand, online video patient visits through Nemours [CareConnect](#). [Nemours ReadingBrightstart.org](#) is a program dedicated to preventing reading failure in young children, grounded in Nemours' understanding that child health and learning are inextricably linked, and that reading level is a strong predictor of adult health.

Established as [The Nemours Foundation](#) through the legacy and philanthropy of Alfred I. duPont, Nemours provides pediatric clinical care, research, education, advocacy and prevention programs to families in the communities it serves.

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