

## **Health Care and Community Organizations Partner to Improve Health Across the State**

**Orlando Health, United Way of Broward County, and Moffitt Cancer Center were awarded a combined \$2.5 million Train-the-Trainer Grant by Florida Blue Foundation.**

Together, Orlando Health, United Way of Broward County, and Moffitt Cancer Center are charting a path to improve health throughout the state. The three organizations, with support from a combined \$2.5 million grant awarded by the Florida Blue Foundation, will partner to train more than 3,000 health care professionals over a four-year period.

The grant was provided for development and implementation of a train-the-trainer program to ensure that families and community members have both the access and opportunity to attain full health potential and are not disadvantaged due to environmental, economic and/or social circumstance.

“As a health solutions company, we are committed to identifying unique and innovative programs that will ensure every Floridian, no matter what their background is or in what ZIP code they reside, has an equal opportunity to achieve optimal health and well-being,” said Susan Towler, executive director of the Florida Blue Foundation. “The train-the-trainer program is an example of how collaboration and partnerships with community organizations and health care professionals can strengthen our communities, improve the health care experience and drive better health for all Floridians.”

The train-the-trainer program strategy is to recruit health care providers working in care facilities and health-related organizations throughout the state who will be responsible to then train others at their organizations and providers throughout their communities. Training participants will include doctors, nurses, advanced practice providers, physician assistants, medical assistants and licensed clinical social workers. The training program topics are health disparities, community strategies, cross cultural communication skills, language access and self-reflection culture of medicine.

To design and implement the train-the-trainer program, Orlando Health, United Way of Broward County, and Moffitt Cancer Center will each lead a core component of the program — recruitment and infrastructure, evaluation and measurement, and curriculum development and design.

The partners will spend 10 months developing the components. The first training sessions are scheduled to begin January 2022 in the corresponding communities of the three organizations.