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Registration Open for Statewide Health Challenge

BATON ROUGE, La. – Louisianans can now sign up to join Own Your Own Health Louisiana (OYOH), a free, three-month wellness challenge that kicks off statewide Jan. 23 and runs through April 23.

The Own Your Own Health challenge is a program of the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). The challenge incorporates a web-based program designed to encourage Louisianans to work as individuals, communities, tribes, schools, businesses and churches to improve their lifestyles through healthy activity and eating habits.

"Staying active and making healthy lifestyle choices is something all Louisianans should adopt," said Director of the Bureau of Minority Health Access and Promotions, Rudy Macklin. "OYOH is a program that allows the whole family to support and track health and wellness. Each person participating will be impacted by this program."

Participants can sign up through the website www.oyohla.com, which offers advice, programs, resources and methods to better health and activity. The program has had over 100,000 participants since its inception and continues its success through statewide and regional partners.

"To help participants succeed in improving their health, we have developed several resources and educational materials," Macklin said. "These resources empower competitors to become active participants in their own health and healthcare while setting realistic goals and making informed decisions about health. The ultimate goal is for the participants to continue the good habits they use during the challenge to make lasting health improvements."



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An essential component of the program—Own Your Own Health Now—encourages responsibility and proactivity in healthcare. This online step-by-step guide educates participants about managing health information, talking to a doctor, understanding the basics of quality care and more.

Each week, participants who log in and update their daily or weekly progress will be entered into a drawing to win prizes.

The program will also host a City vs. City Step Challenge that includes the annual Public Individual Participants Challenge, Public Team Challenge and weight loss challenges. The 2017 City vs. City Step Challenges include:

- City of Alexandria vs. City of Monroe
- City of Bastrop vs. City of Tallulah
- City of Opelousas vs. City of Ville Platte
- City of Jonesboro vs. City of Grambling
- St. John Parish vs. Tangipahoa Parish

Any additional cities or organizations that wish to participate in a challenge can send an email to oyoh@la.gov.

To register or for more information, visit the OYOH website at www.oyohla.com, or call (225) 342-4886 or 1 (866) 562-9015.

Own Your Own Health is funded by the State Partnership Grant, HHS Office of Minority Health.

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Own Your Own Health Challenge Media Tours

*Click the links below to see station interviews featuring Rudy Macklin.





Health and fitness challenge with Rudy Macklin

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New Orleans

TBD

Monroe

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Tuesday, April 25 @ 2:30p

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https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/nmhm17/

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Wednesday, Apr. 26, 2017 @ 7:30p

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Wednesday, Apr. 26, 2017 @ 10a

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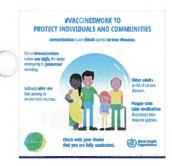


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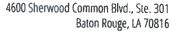
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https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/browse.aspx?lvl=2&lvlid=85



Wednesday, Apr. 26, 2017 @ 3p

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In just two short days Miranda Marshall, RN will discuss diabetes, obesity and hypertension among minorities. Be sure to mark your calendars for 10:30 a.m. on April 28. There will also be refreshments! #NMHM17 #Health #Louisiana