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**ST. JOHNS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROGRAM IS ONE OF 41
NATIONWIDE TO RECEIVE 2011 "MODEL PRACTICE AWARD"**

ST. AUGUSTINE, FL – St. Johns County Health Department was honored at the 2011 annual conference of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for developing and implementing a program that demonstrates exemplary and replicable qualities. St. Johns County Health Department's *Centralized Inventory System* was one of 41 programs developed by a local health department selected from across the nation to receive NACCHO's Model Practice Award.

The *Centralized Inventory System* that has been implemented at St. Johns County Health Department has streamlined and consolidated supply ordering procedures. It is an efficient logistical process to account for the quantity and availability of critical supplies, as well as to project future supply needs. After one year of utilizing this new system, the Health Department realized a cost savings of almost \$72,600.

"We are proud to receive NACCHO's Model Practice Award. The award is evidence of our commitment to developing innovative programs that provide both time and cost savings to our Agency and the community we serve." said Dawn C. Allicock, M.D., M.P.H., Director of the St. Johns County Health Department.

Each innovative project receiving the award was peer-reviewed (by other local health department professionals) and selected from a group of 130 applications. Since 2003, NACCHO's Model Practice Awards program has honored initiatives—including programs, resources, and tools—that demonstrate how local health departments and their community partners can collaborate effectively. The *Centralized Inventory System* is now part of an online, searchable database of best practices in areas ranging from immunization and maternal and child health to infectious diseases and emergency preparedness. The NACCHO Model Practice database allows users to benefit from colleagues' experiences, to learn what works, and to ensure that resources are used wisely on effective programs that have been implemented with good results. It also enables NACCHO to share information with key stakeholders and media about the good work being done by local health departments across the country.

Our Mission: *Promote, protect and improve the health of all people in Florida.*

Our Vision: *A healthier future for the people of Florida.*

Our Values: *- Integrity; Commitment to Service; Respect; Excellence; Accountability; Teamwork; Empowerment –*



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This award puts St. Johns County Health Department into special company—a select group of health departments that exemplify a forward thinking, proactive attitude toward protecting and promoting the health of communities across the nation. For further information about St. Johns County Health Department visit www.stjohnschd.org.

For more information about the NACCHO Model Practice Awards and to view a list of other award winners, go to www.naccho.org.

About the National Association of County and City Health Officials:

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) represents the nation's 2,800 local governmental health departments. These city, county, metropolitan, district and tribal departments work every day to protect and promote health and well-being for all people in their communities.

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