

As 2011 comes to a close, we are happy to report another successful and productive year at the Florida Center for Nursing. The Center continues to serve as the definitive source for information, research, and strategies addressing the dynamic nurse workforce needs in Florida. In addition to our ongoing research on nurse supply, demand, and education, the Center has had a number of successes this year. Some of our key projects include:

- **Simulation project:** The PIN 4 Project: *Promoting the Use of Simulation Technology in Florida Nurse Education* closed this year. A business plan has been written to establish the *Florida Healthcare Simulation Alliance* to serve as a resource for simulation technology use in academic settings, healthcare institutions, and agencies across the state to advance the education of nursing and other healthcare professions' workforce. This alliance will be housed within the FCN.
- **Florida Action Coalition (FL-AC):** The Center co-leads one of only 15 Regional Action Coalitions (RAC) in the country. Part of *The Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action*, these long-term partnerships have been convened to move key health care workforce-related issues forward at the local, state and national levels. The FL-AC met in October 2011 to establish strategic goals and direction.
- **Diversity report:** The Center released a new paper examining the age, gender, and race/ethnicity of Florida's LPN, RN, and ARNP nurse populations compared to Florida's total population. Specifically, the report looks at how race/ethnicity and gender of nurses varies by age and type of nurse license, and how race/ethnicity of the nurse population varies by region of Florida.
- **Updated forecasts:** The Center released updated forecasts of RN and LPN supply and demand through 2025! Our new projections take into account the sluggish economy and the impact of healthcare reform.

We look forward to another productive year in 2012 and to continuing our critical work of providing our vast stakeholders with critical information on Florida's nurse workforce. In January, our nurse demand report will be published so stay tuned!

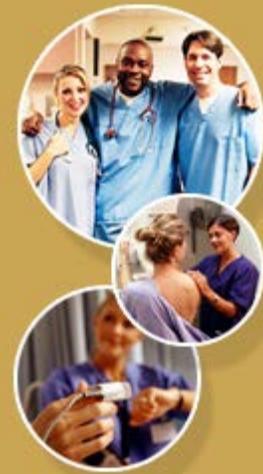
Happy Holidays from the FCN Staff!

In lieu of a gift exchange, the FCN staff has pooled funds to make a donation to Second Harvest Food Bank. We wish each of you a safe and happy holiday season!

Nursing News

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2011 in review



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