



Community  
HealthCorps



# Community HealthCorps

Statewide Impact Report  
(2009-2010)

California



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
Community Health Centers





## Introduction

Founded in 1995 by the National Association of Community Health Centers, Community HealthCorps is the largest health-focused, national AmeriCorps program whose *Mission* is to improve health care access and enhance workforce development for community health centers through national service programs. Members (AmeriCorps participants) provide a variety of health services/programs for patients and community frequently serving as community health workers (CHWs). Members also serve to improve the capacity of health centers to provide quality health services and programs to medically underserved people. The *Vision* of Community HealthCorps is to serve as a national service pipeline for careers in community health centers that is improving access to necessary primary and preventive care services for the medically underserved.

The cover of this brochure depicts just one of the many activities our members participate in. Here, you can see Krystal Kekula teaching a young girl how to plant a garden. Community HealthCorps members not only provide guidance to communities on how to navigate the health care system, but they also help educate communities on healthy ways of life.

## Members Reflect & Work in Underserved Communities

Community HealthCorps members serve rural and racially/culturally diverse urban communities and suburban, as well as migrant farm worker, homeless and public housing populations. Members are as racially, ethnically and economically diverse as the communities they serve. Educational attainment varies from high school and some college to graduate degrees. In addition, some members are active or retired health and social service professionals.

No matter their background, Community HealthCorps members become part of a person's struggle for better health and economic independence.

## Members are Highly Trained and are known as "Agents of Change"

Community HealthCorps\* AmeriCorps members acquire new skills and knowledge that enhance their effectiveness and value to patients and other individuals through pre-service orientation, in-service and advanced trainings.

In addition, Community HealthCorps\* VISTA Members alleviate poverty by improving the capacity of health centers to provide quality health services and programs to medically underserved people.



*AltaMed Health Services members team up to volunteer within their community*



"[Training] classes are very rewarding because they can make my heart happy like the smile of that diabetic patient. I will never forget that, and I will accumulate more smiles on my career path."

-2010-11 AltaMed Health Services Member  
Phi Nguyen

*Central Valley Health Network members volunteering with their local YMCA to help prevent childhood obesity and promote health education*

## We're everywhere, including California!

For program year 2010-2011, nearly 500 Community HealthCorps\* National and VISTA members will serve full-time through nearly 40 partner organizations and three affiliate organizations at more than 150 delivery sites across 19 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

This year, six (6) operating sites will host over 100 members at 62 placement sites in California alone. These operating sites include:

Alliance for Rural Community Health (Ukiah, CA)  
[www.ruralcommunityhealth.org](http://www.ruralcommunityhealth.org)

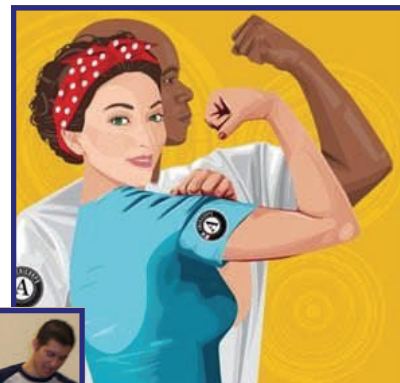
AltaMed Health Services (Los Angeles, CA)  
[www.altamed.org](http://www.altamed.org)

Central Valley Health Network (Fresno, CA)  
[www.cvhclinics.org](http://www.cvhclinics.org)

Family HealthCare Network (Visalia, CA)  
[www.fhcn.org](http://www.fhcn.org)

LifeLong Medical Care (Berkeley, CA)  
[www.lifelongmedical.org](http://www.lifelongmedical.org)

San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium (San Francisco, CA)  
[www.sfccc.org](http://www.sfccc.org)



*Family HealthCare Network members volunteer at a local food bank*

## A Quick Look at Community HealthCorps in California 2009 to 2010

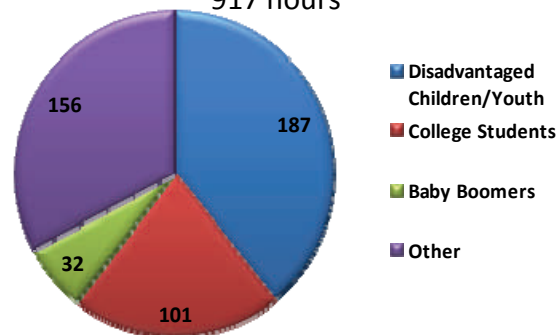
- 10,858 individuals utilized health center services at least 3 times a year, thereby creating a medical home
- 66,079 outreach encounters to medically underserved community residents (encounters took place through health fairs, street outreach, school outreach, community centers, and internal health center identification)
- 8,823 enrollments in health insurance plans and health services/programs
- 154,232 combined hours served among 129 members worth \$3,592,063.28 in 2009\*  
 (\*California State Dollar Value of a Volunteer Hour: \$23.29 per hour according to latest available data [2008] — <http://www.independentsector.org>)

"I'm so glad to be a part of the team because I am seeing the importance of preventative medicine and the idea of a patient centered medical home right in front of my eyes.

-2010-11 Alliance for Rural Health Member  
Tannaz Shooshtarian

Members in California generated 476 additional community volunteers who volunteered a total of

917 hours





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**AmeriCorps**  
[www.nationalservice.org](http://www.nationalservice.org)

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