



Community
HealthCorps



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Statewide Impact Report

(2009-2010)

Colorado



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 volunteer within their community

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.



"The group prenatal class is a great way for women to actively participate in increasing their knowledge about their own pregnancies and find a great support system within their own communities. The class really embodies the mentality and purpose of community medicine!"

-2010-11 Metro Community Provider Network Member
Florence Choo

Members from Metro Community Provider Network participate in Doula training (Doulas support patients during pregnancy)

We're everywhere, including Colorado!

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, two (2) operating sites will host over 20 members at 12 placement sites in Colorado alone. These operating sites include:

Metro Community Provider Network (Englewood, CO)
www.mcpn.com

Salud Family Health Centers (Ft. Lupton, CO)
www.saludclinic.org



Members from Salud Family Health Centers & Metro Community Provider Network teamed up for MLK Day 2011

A Quick Look at Community HealthCorps in Colorado 2009 to 2010

- 42,938 Encounters for sharing information about health issues, health insurance plans, and health services/programs, including eligibility determination
- 4,395 Enrollments in health insurance plans, and health services/programs
- 12,130 People using preventive & primary health care services two or more times in the program year
- Members participated in 109 health fairs and 111 service days/events, therefore benefitting 110,359 people
- 35,199 combined hours served among 28 members worth \$755,722.53 in 2009*
(*Colorado State Dollar Value of a Volunteer Hour: \$21.47 per hour according to latest available data [2008]—
<http://www.independentsector.org>)



Members from Metro Community Provider Network teach school-based children the importance of healthy nutritional habits

"One of my duties as a member for Salud Family Health Centers is conducting geriatric home visits. Last month, I went on a home visit at the request of a provider at the clinic. The elderly woman that I would be visiting was taking upwards of 15 different medications, all for different ailments. By the time our visit came to a close, I wished I didn't have to leave. I could have passed the entire afternoon listening to her, keeping her company, because I knew that while this was a medical visit, it was a social one too."
-2010-11 Salud Family Health Centers Member
Rachel Wolf



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