



Community
HealthCorps



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
Community Health Centers

Colorado 2010-2011

Community HealthCorps' mission is to improve healthcare access and enhance workforce development through community health center sponsored national service programs. Founded in 1995 by the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), it is the largest health-focused, national AmeriCorps program with nearly 500 members serving in various capacities around the country in 19 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Community HealthCorps members, placed at over 150 delivery sites in 2010-11, strive to enhance access to primary and preventive services and programs for the medically underserved.



What do Community HealthCorps members do?

Community HealthCorps members perform a variety of activities associated with health services and programs for patients and communities, often by functioning like community health workers.

Examples of activities include:

- **Creating a “medical home”:** Helping families and community members navigate the healthcare system thus improving their frequency of using health center services/programs
- **Educating the community:** Providing education/counseling around health issues and disparities that impact the specific communities members serve
- **Going the distance & extending basic care:** Supporting treatment plans by providing follow-up, support and case management to individual patients; enrolling qualified patients into health insurance and other applicable programs; and assessing other patient needs such as housing, legal and financial assistance



This year Community HealthCorps members assisted 592,875 people - of which 62,263 people were helped to enroll in insurance plans and other health related services and programs, and 112,654 people received health education and supportive counseling. Community HealthCorps members also recruited and coordinated the work of 8,442 non-AmeriCorps volunteers (nearly 2,000 volunteered more than once). These volunteers logged 35,026 hours in assisting health centers and other community-based organizations to address health and human needs. The value of the service from Community HealthCorps members and the volunteers they recruited is estimated at just over \$17 million dollars (Independent Sector estimates the value of volunteer time for 2010 at \$21.36/hour).

In Colorado, two operating sites hosted 21 Community HealthCorps members in 2010-11 who served across nine different placement sites. Colorado partners included:



Metro Community Provider Network (Englewood, CO)
www.mcpcn.org



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

“The best thing about Community HealthCorps is the ability to work with people to whom you would have never been exposed. The opportunity to really get on the frontlines of the issues revolving around healthcare, to experience them and be able to speak intelligently about them to those who have no idea what it’s like to live on that level of poverty.”

– Emily (Metro Community Health Provider Network)



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**Colorado
Community HealthCorps
members directly served
27,069 people during the
2010-11 program year.**

Of those community members directly served...

**10,771 received
health education
or supportive
counseling**

**1,703 were
provided with
interpretation
services**

**Outreach
services
were
provided to
7,732**

**Other areas of service
activities included:**

- * Parenting education
- * Case management services including referrals, facilitation and assessments
- * Physical education & healthy eating classes
- * Financial counseling/eligibility assistance
- * Enrollment in health insurance, prescription assistance & other programs/services
- * ...and more!

2011-12 Program Year

For the next program year of 2011-12, over 20 Community HealthCorps members continue serving in Colorado, with almost 500 members serving nationwide. In the upcoming year, Community HealthCorps members will continue volunteering in racially/culturally diverse rural, urban and suburban communities, as well as migrant farm worker, homeless and public housing populations.

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

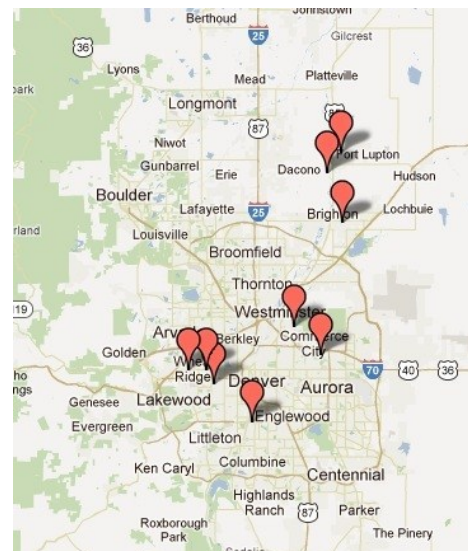
"I joined Community HealthCorps because I wanted to gain experience working in underprivileged communities, help address their educational-health needs, gain clinical experience, and continue learning and practicing Spanish. This program was a perfect fit for me because I believe in the values and mission of Community Health Centers and I have the opportunity to join preventive health efforts while also receiving valuable experience in the clinic. I also meet very friendly people who are eager to help me learn because they appreciate the work we are doing. It's a tremendously rewarding and satisfying opportunity!"

- Rob (Salud Family Health Centers)



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Where Members Serve in Colorado (2011-12 Program Year)



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