



Community
HealthCorps



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Statewide Impact Report
(2009-2010)

Maine



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.



Members volunteer within their community



"I was able, as a migrant volunteer from AmeriCorps, to share my story with a group of students from Maine University in Orono who host a group of Maine Migrants in a Culture Competence training: 'knowing our roots, will lead us, to a strong future.' "

-2010-11 Penobscot Community Health Care Member, Nuvia Dighello

Members from Penobscot Community Health Care make pine cone bird feeders with area youth as an outreach project and cabin fever reliever at the beginning of spring vacation

We're everywhere, including Maine!

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.

Previously, the Maine Primary Care Association hosted a successful Community HealthCorps program. And this year, Penobscot Community Health Care in Bangor, Maine will host 8 full-time members at 10 placement sites. To learn more about Penobscot Community Health Care, visit their website at www.pchcbangor.org.



Penobscot Community Health Care members participated in MLK Day 2011 by volunteering at the Hammond Street Senior Center in Bangor, Maine



A Quick Look at Community HealthCorps in Maine

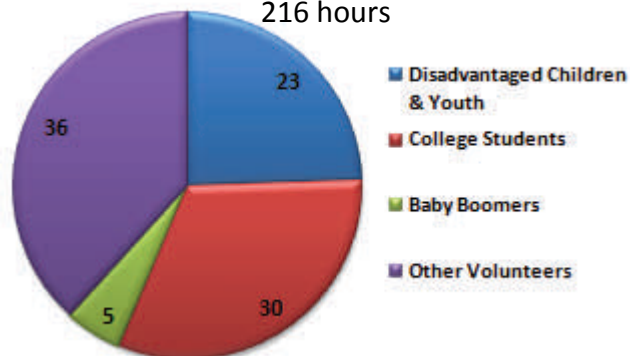
2009 to 2010

Maine Primary Care Association

- 3,624 Encounters for sharing information about health issues, health insurance plans, and health services/programs, including eligibility determination
- 260 Enrollments in health insurance plans, and health services/programs
- 394 People using preventive & primary health care services two or more times in the program year
- Members participated in 53 health fairs and 49 service days/events, therefore benefitting 2,039 people
- 6,718 combined hours served among 6 members worth \$109,906.48 in 2009*
(*Maine State Dollar Value of a Volunteer Hour: \$16.36 per hour according to latest available data [2008] — <http://www.independentsector.org>)

"Some students wanted to get practical, hands-on experiences, to network, or perhaps even just to get a better idea of what they wanted to do with their life; that's where talking about AmeriCorps came in handy. I was able to give them practical advice, based on my own experiences, about what AmeriCorps was all about. It felt good to see students leaving with pamphlets in their hands, smiling and well-informed."
-2010-11 Penobscot Community Health Care Member, Erin Wright

Members in Maine generated 94 additional community volunteers who volunteered a total of 216 hours





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