



Community
HealthCorps



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Statewide Impact Report

(2009-2010)

New York



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



"Volunteering at the fresh food giveaway at the Dunbar center is always a humbling experience. The families were very grateful and the event was a success because of the patience of the families and the hard work of all of the volunteers."

-2010-11 Syracuse Community Health Center Member
Chante Jones

Members from Lutheran HealthCare in Brooklyn really showed their muscles after they cleaned, repaired and painted a community building and soup kitchen

We're everywhere, including New York!

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, seven (7) operating sites will host almost 100 members at over 40 placement sites in New York alone. These operating sites include:

Community HealthCorps*VISTA (throughout New York state)
www.communityhealthcorps.org/healthcorps-vista.cfm

Hudson River (Peekskill, NY)
www.hrhcare.org

The Institute for Family Health (New York, NY)
www.institute2000.org

Lutheran HealthCare (Brooklyn, NY)
www.lmcmc.com

Open Door (Ossining, NY)
www.opendoormedical.org

Ryan Center (New York, NY)
www.ryancenter.org

Syracuse Community Health Center, Inc. (Syracuse, NY)
www.schcny.com



New York VISTA members participate in a community service project



Members from The Institute for Family Health volunteering during MLK Day 2011

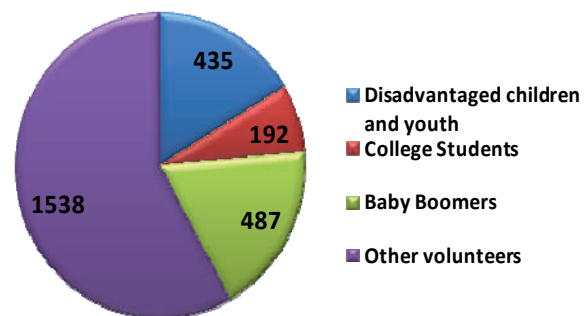
A Quick Look at Community HealthCorps in New York 2009 to 2010

- 182,965 Encounters for sharing information about health issues, health insurance plans, and health services/programs, including eligibility determination
- 18,145 Enrollments in health insurance plans and health services/programs
- 10,032 People using preventive and primary health care services two or more times in the program year
- 113,373 combined hours served among 88 members worth \$3,233,397.90 in 2009*
 (*New York State Dollar Value of a Volunteer Hour: \$28.52 per hour according to latest available data [2008]—<http://www.independentsector.org>)

"I sincerely believe if most people were given the opportunities and blessings I have been, they would not only fulfill their life's ambitions, but dedicate themselves to serving their community also - and for this our world would be in a much better state. As a future healthcare provider, I wanted to learn more about the role of health centers in needy communities and how I could one day go about fulfilling this moral responsibility."

-2010-11 Hudson River HealthCare Member
Mike Kulesza

Members in New York generated 1,755 additional community volunteers who volunteered a total of 2,652 hours





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www.communityhealthcorps.org

NACHC
www.nachc.com

AmeriCorps
www.nationalservice.org

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