



Community
HealthCorps



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Statewide Impact Report
(2009-2010)

Pennsylvania



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.



Members volunteer within their community



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.

In program year 2009-2010, Southeast Lancaster Health Services (pictured left) hosted 5 full-time Community HealthCorps members.

We're everywhere, including Pennsylvania!

Currently, in program year 2010-2011, nearly 500 Community HealthCorps* National and VISTA members are serving 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 are hosting 13 members at 9 placement sites in Pennsylvania alone. These operating sites include:

Primary Health Network (Sharon, PA)

www.primary-health.net



SouthEast Lancaster Health Services (Lancaster, PA)

www.selhs.org



Members teamed up for MLK Day 2011

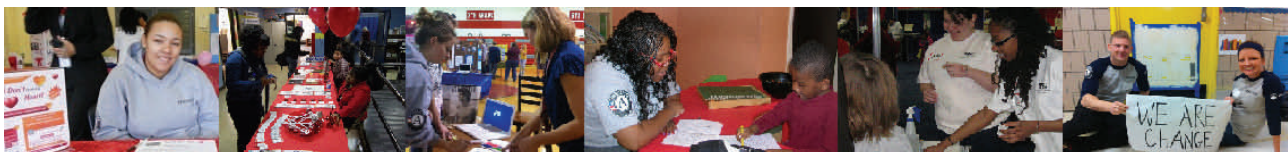


"Recently, as an AmeriCorps member, I had the opportunity to volunteer for "October Breast Cancer Awareness Month". I take great pride in helping this organization. I am a cancer survivor myself and I like to inform as many people I can how important early detection is. It always makes me feel good to think that I might have helped one person live a longer life."

-2010-11 Primary Health Network Member
Lisa Kuncio

A Quick Look at Community HealthCorps in Pennsylvania* 2009 to 2010

- 3,040 Encounters for sharing information about health issues, health insurance plans, and health services/programs, including eligibility determination
- Members participated in 7 service days/events, therefore benefitting 2,551 people
- 59 enrollments in health insurance plans and health services/programs
- 8,438 combined hours served among 5 members worth \$170,869.50 in 2009*
(*Pennsylvania State Dollar Value of a Volunteer Hour: \$20.25 per hour according to latest available data [2008]—
<http://www.independentsector.org>)



*Program data reflects SouthEast Lancaster Health Services. Primary Health Network is a new operating site as of program year 2010-11.



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