



Community
HealthCorps



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Statewide Impact Report
(2009-2010)

Puerto Rico



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 community'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



"Por nuestro contenido en los temas, se nos ofreció espacio gratuito en programa radial para educar a las personas y a la misma vez promocionar nuestros servicios. (Because of our information on the issues, we were offered free space on a radio program to educate people at the same time promote our services.)"

-2010-11 COSSMA AmeriCorps Coordinator Anna Flores

Members at a TV/radio program to announce activities at the Clinica de las Peidras

We're everywhere, including Puerto Rico!

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, COSSMA in Cidra, Puerto Rico will host 8 members at 4 placement sites. To learn more about COSSMA, visit their website at cossmapr.org.



Members participate in many service days throughout the year including activities such as health fairs and blood drives



A Quick Look at Community HealthCorps in Puerto Rico 2009 to 2010

- 24,924 Encounters for sharing information about health issues, health insurance plans, & health services/ programs, including eligibility determination
- 752 eligibility screenings, 1,639 health screenings, and 3,189 referrals were provided so that individuals received access to health care, diagnosis, and/or follow-up, and/or screenings for needed care
- Members organized or staffed 46 community health fairs
- 12,776 combined hours served among 10 members worth \$141,302.56 in 2009*
(*Puerto Rico Dollar Value of a Volunteer Hour (\$11.06 per hour—<http://www.independentsector.org>)



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