



Community
HealthCorps



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
Community Health Centers

Puerto Rico 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).

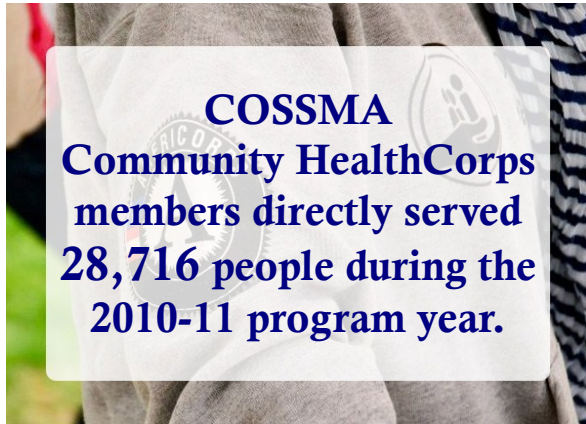
In Cidra, Puerto Rico, Corporación de Servicios de Salud y Medicina Avanzada (COSSMA) hosted eight Community HealthCorps members who served across seven different placement sites.



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COSMA
Community HealthCorps
members directly served
28,716 people during the
2010-11 program year.

Of those community members directly served...



Health education & supportive counseling was provided to 2,305



24,542 received case management services including assessments & referrals



Outreach services were provided to 1,231

Other areas of service activities included:

- * Child care assistance during health center visits
- * Volunteer management and children's book distribution through "Reach Out & Read"
- * Employment referral and counseling
- * Enrollment in health insurance, prescription assistance and other programs/services
- * ...and more!

2011-12 Program Year

For the next program year of 2011-12, eight Community HealthCorps members continue serving in Puerto Rico, 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.



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