



Community
HealthCorps



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
Community Health Centers

Washington 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 Washington, two operating sites hosted almost 28 Community HealthCorps members who served across 27 different placement sites. Washington partners included:



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Community Health Centers
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SeaMar Community Health Centers

Seattle, Washington
www.seamarchc.org



Yakima Valley
Farm Workers Clinic

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“I learned so much about the reality of what it means to serve as a healthcare professional in a community clinic. I’ve seen firsthand the impact of budget cuts and limited resources, as well as the toll these can take on healthcare workers who are constantly be pushed to their limits to care for others. It is inspiring and overwhelming at the same time. This experience has challenged me to think about how my future practice as a physician is going to look and consider how I will be able to serve my community meaningfully and still strive for balance in my life.” – *Phyllis (SeaMar Community Health Center)*



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**Washington
Community HealthCorps
members directly served
18,085 people during the
2010-11 program year.**

Of those community members directly served...

4,321 were provided case management services (facilitation, assessment, referrals)

2,812 were provided enrollment services in health insurance, prescription assistance & other programs/ services

4,563 received health education or supportive counseling

Other areas of service activities included:

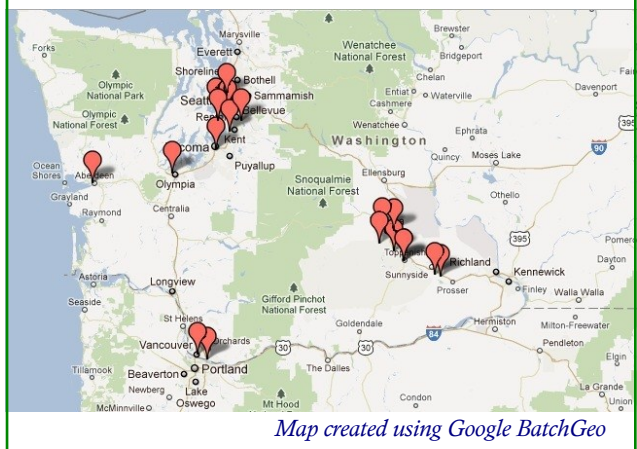
- * Financial counseling/eligibility assistance
- * Health center outreach services
- * Interpretation services
- * Physical education & healthy eating classes
- * Housing assistance
- * Transportation services
- * Volunteer management & children's book distribution through "Reach Out & Read"
- * ...and more!

2011-12 Program Year

For the next program year of 2011-12, almost 30 Community HealthCorps members will continue serving in Washington, 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.

**Where Members Serve in Washington
(Program Year 2011-12)**



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