



Community
HealthCorps



Wisconsin 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 Wisconsin, the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center hosted eight Community HealthCorps members who served across four different placement sites.

"I've always had a strong sense of volunteerism. I knew that I would want to continue in service and take part in some type of public service program after college – the question was, where would I do it? Once I started taking note of the needs of the community around me, I knew it would only feel right to do public service in that same community. Community HealthCorps is allowing me to fulfill my life mission of volunteerism where it means the most."

– Caitlin (Sixteenth Street Community Health Center)



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**Wisconsin
Community HealthCorps
members directly served
8,874 people during the
2010-11 program year.**

Of those community members directly served...



**Other areas of service
activities included:**

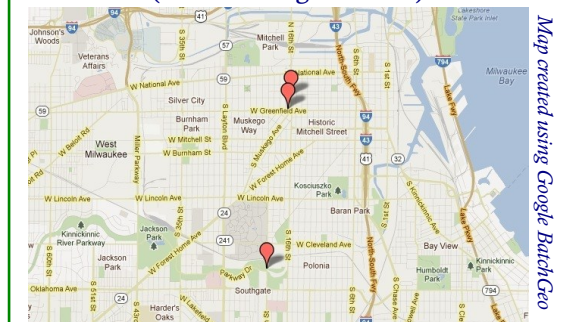
- * Case management services including facilitation, assessment and referrals
- * Outreach services
- * Parenting education
- * Financial counseling and eligibility assistance
- * ...and more!

2011-12 Program Year

For the next program year of 2011-12, eight Community HealthCorps members continue serving in Wisconsin, 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 Wisconsin
(2011-12 Program Year)**



"I joined AmeriCorps and specifically Community HealthCorps because it is a huge step towards the goals I have set out to accomplish. My ultimate goal is to go to medical school to become a pediatric surgeon. After I receive my medical license, I plan on traveling around the world with Doctors Without Borders to impoverished areas to help those in great need. Being a Community HealthCorps AmeriCorps member at Sixteenth Street Community Health Center will equip me with the knowledge, experience and tools necessary to begin my journey as a future healthcare professional!" - Maressa (Sixteenth Street Community Health Center)



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