

Project title: Multi-Site Comprehensive Primary Care in West Virginia's Upper Kanawha Valley
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Project Abstract

In the service area population of 56,885 people targeted for CCHC services, 49% of the people (27,550 persons) are below 200% of the federal poverty level. Twenty-one percent of persons in the target area population are below 100% of poverty. Of persons with incomes below 200% of poverty, almost 63% are estimated to be uninsured. The service area is predominately white with an aggregate minority population of 4.5%, 3.8% of whom are African American, 0.3% are Hispanic and 0.4%, Other. Persons aged 65 and older are 16.3% of the population.

The service area is located in primary medical, dental and mental health care Health Professional Shortage Areas and a Medically Underserved Area. The service area unemployment rate in April 2008 was 5.9%, compared to the state rate of 5.2% and 4.8%, nationally. Of people age 25 and over, 29% are without a high school diploma.

Cabin Creek Community Health Services, Inc. (CCHS), a 2002 "new start" 330c grantee, currently serves the target population in Kanawha County, attracting county-wide residents and residents from adjacent counties. All primary medical care sites are open daily and have extended hours. Prescription assistance is offered through an in-house 340-B program. Limited psychiatric services are offered at each site and school-based services are provided at one county high-school. Physical therapy for chronic pain management is provided on-site at one health center. To further address health service needs, the organization is implementing electronic health records, participates in the Diabetes Health Disparities Collaborative, and is lead agency for the regional Area Health Education Center and the West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnership Program; to address the needs of the significant elderly patient population, CCHS's Geriatric Team, among other activities, is experimenting with the Duke Health Profile model for geriatric health assessment.

According to the 2007 UDS for CCHS, the current number of patients is 12,251 and 44,491 encounters and 19.2 providers. The four service delivery sites are Cabin Creek Health Center in Dawes; Riverside Health Center in Belle; Clendenin Health Center in Clendenin; and Sissonville Health Center in Sissonville, West Virginia, all of which are in Kanawha County, West Virginia. CCHS will provide primary preventative and chronic medical care, prescription assistance, oral health screenings, education and referrals, and on-site mental health services.