



Community Health Center

Multiple locations throughout Connecticut

Program Overview

Community Health Center (CHC) is a statewide, independent, private nonprofit organization that provides medical, dental, and behavioral health services to individuals living in Connecticut. CHC incorporates prevention and health promotion, treatment of illness, and management of chronic disease into its service approach. The program also offers mobile outreach programs that provide medical and dental services at schools, Head Start programs, daycare facilities, and Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) offices.

Program History and Development



The first site of the Community Health Center opened in 1972 and offered free dental care in a small apartment in downtown Middletown, Connecticut. CHC expanded to a larger building and added medical and behavioral health care. CHC now operates 13 health center locations and offers mobile outreach at 201 locations.

In 2005, CHC launched the Weitzman Center as its research and development arm. In 2014, CHC launched the Weitzman Institute, the first community-based research center established by a federally qualified health center (FQHC) network. Dental research projects at the Institute include studies on the utilization of oral health services for children and care coordination of prenatal dental patients.

Program Sustainability

- CHC receives Title III-B funding from four Area Agencies on Aging in Connecticut.
- CHC also receives funding from municipal and federal sources.

Program Impact

- 130,000 active patients receive medical, dental, and behavioral health services from the program.
- CHC is recognized as a federally qualified health center, a National Committee for Quality Assurance Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home, and a Primary Medical Home by The Joint Commission.

Program Contact Information

Program Website: <http://www.chc1.com/Our-Model-Of-Care/Clinical-Excellence/Dentistry>



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Program Features

Note: A checked box below indicates an existing program feature.

Age	Service Delivery Model	Dental and Oral Health Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0-17 (Children and Youth) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18-60 (Adult) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 60+ (Older Adult)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dental clinic model (e.g. permanent setting) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobile-portable model <input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility and enrollment model (e.g. referrals, care coordination) <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual model (e.g. telehealth) <input type="checkbox"/> Event-based model <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach and education model	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screenings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cleanings <input type="checkbox"/> Fluoride varnish <input type="checkbox"/> Sealants <input type="checkbox"/> X-rays <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fillings <input type="checkbox"/> Scaling/root planing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extractions <input type="checkbox"/> Oral surgery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Root canals <input type="checkbox"/> Dentures, partials, relines, repairs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crowns <input type="checkbox"/> Bridges <input type="checkbox"/> Orthodontics
Specific Populations	Staffing	Other Program Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Homeless individuals <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with physical disabilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individuals with specific or complex medical conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with low income <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individuals with no dental insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with Medicaid <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans <input type="checkbox"/> Refugees/immigrants	<input type="checkbox"/> Dentist <input type="checkbox"/> Dental hygienist <input type="checkbox"/> Dental therapist <input type="checkbox"/> Dental assistant <input type="checkbox"/> Dental/dental hygiene students <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing staff <input type="checkbox"/> Community health workers <input type="checkbox"/> Non-dental clinical staff <input type="checkbox"/> Non-clinical staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Referrals to dental and oral health services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Care coordination/care management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patient education <input type="checkbox"/> Caregiver education <input type="checkbox"/> Provider education <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy/coalition
Geography	Payment for Care	Integration with Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid <input type="checkbox"/> No charge to client <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sliding fee scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Out of pocket <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial dental insurance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Behavioral health services <input type="checkbox"/> Vision services <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy services <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Translation services <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition services
Service Delivery Setting	Program Funding	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Dental school <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community/safety net clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Private dental office <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term care facility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senior center/community center <input type="checkbox"/> Private residence <input type="checkbox"/> Fairgrounds/stadium/parking lot <input type="checkbox"/> Church <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Public housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Foundation/organization grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public funding (e.g. local, state, federal) <input type="checkbox"/> Private donations (e.g. individuals, businesses)	

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