America’s Voice for Community Health Care

The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) represents Community and Migrant Health Centers, as well as Health Care for the Homeless and Public Housing Primary Care Programs and other community-based health centers.

Founded in 1971, NACHC is a nonprofit advocacy organization providing education, training and technical assistance to health centers in support of their mission to provide quality health care to medically underserved populations.
The NACHC Mission

To promote the provision of high quality, comprehensive and affordable health care that is coordinated, culturally and linguistically competent, and community directed for all medically underserved populations.

For further information about NACHC and America’s Health Centers

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It Takes a Team to
Give Everyone a Smile for Life

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The Triple Aim

- Improving the health of the community
- Improving the patient experience
- Bending the cost curve
Value of Health Centers

How can we work together to demonstrate the value of Community Health Centers at the local, state, and national level?

Collaborating:

- Sharing models that work
- Supporting each other

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The Challenge

- Managing high cost complex patients over time and across organizations
- Wellness and prevention for all patients
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Cross Cutting Elements

- Social determinants of health
- Patient; Family and Community Centeredness
- Engaged and Strong Workforce

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National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)

NEW Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition 2014

PCMH model “emphasizes care coordination and communication to transform primary care into ‘what patients want it to be’.”
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NCQA NEW Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition 2014 - Updates include:

- care management focus on high-need populations
- enhanced emphasis on team-based care – *must pass element*
- alignment of improvement efforts with the triple aim

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Primary Health Care

TEAM
You can’t teach what you don’t know.

Is there help available to educate each of the team members?

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**Smiles for Life**

- A national, comprehensive, oral health curriculum
- Endorsed by a variety of organizations
- Comes with *free* continuing education credit
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- The Oral Exam
- Oral to Systemic
- Fluoride Varnish

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- Pregnant Patients
- Children
- Adult
- Geriatric
- Acute Dental Patients
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**Smiles for Life**

- Pocket Cards
- iOS App
- Educational Handouts
- Guidelines
- Educational Posters
- Oral Health Risk Assessment and Patient Management Tools

“Guess everyone’s using this curriculum”

“Survey Said”
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- What’s your strategy for mobilizing the team?
- What resources are available to help you?
- What other resources do you need?

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- What is your plan for implementation?
- How will you know you’re successful?
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Leaders are called to stand in that lonely place between the no longer and the not yet and intentionally make decisions that will bind, forge, move, and create history.

We are not called to be popular,
We are not called to be safe,
We are not called to follow.

We are the ones called to take risks,
We are the ones called to change attitudes, to risk displeasures,
We are the ones called to gamble our lives for a better world.

Mary Lou Anderson
April 1970

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Questions?

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