30th Annual Midwest Stream Forum for Agricultural Worker Health
March 2022

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Migrant Health Program’s

60\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary

1962 – 2022
America’s Voice for Community Health Care

The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) was founded in 1971 to promote efficient, high quality, comprehensive health care that is accessible, culturally and linguistically competent, community directed, and patient centered for all.
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NACHC STRATEGIC PILLARS

1. **Equity and Social Justice**
   - Center everything we do in a continued and intensified commitment to equity and social justice

2. **Empowered Infrastructure**
   - Strengthen and reinforce the infrastructure for leading and coordinating the community health center movement, notably consumer boards and NACHC itself

3. **Skilled and Mission-driven Workforce**
   - Develop a highly skilled, adaptive, and mission-driven workforce reflecting the communities served

4. **Reliable and Sustainable Funding**
   - Secure reliable and sustainable funding to meet increasing demands for community health center services

5. **Improved Care Models**
   - Update and improve care models to meet the evolving needs of the communities served

6. **Supportive Partnerships**
   - Cultivate new and strengthen existing mutually beneficial partnerships to advance the shared mission of improving community health

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NACHC’s Formula for Getting Results in Washington

- Health Center Board, Staff and Patients
- Primary Care Associations
- Policy
- Stories
- Consistent Advocacy
- Rationale for action
- Patient impact from federal and state policy
- Effective and timely communication to elected officials
- Achieving results for nearly 30 million patients
NACHC’s Legislative Agenda

- Health Center Appropriations
- Health Center Capital
- Health Center Workforce Funding
- Protecting 340B
- Telehealth
- Volunteer Federal Tort Claims Act Coverage
Congress passed the FY22 Government Funding bill on Friday, March 11, 2022

- Included a $65 million increase to the Health Center Program.

Included $1.748 billion for CHCs

- Specific increases for School-Based Health Centers, Ending HIV Epidemic, and new cancer screening program

- Includes language extending all existing Medicare health center telehealth flexibilities past the PHE for 151 days

- Includes increases in funding for CHC primary care workforce programs
Health Center Capital

Capital Link Study
- 2021 study found health center capital needs are $17.5 billion over 5 years.
- Nearly all (97%) Health Centers have at least one capital project planned to build, expand, or renovate their facilities to take care of patients.
- The top planned projects would boost medical, mental health, and oral health services to patients.

Build Back Better Act
- President Biden’s signature legislation was passed by the House last year.
- It included $2 billion for Health Center (both 330 grantees and Look-alikes) Capital funding.
- Concerns around inflation and spending has led to delays in Senate consideration, so the scope of the bill may change.
Supporting the Health Center Workforce of Today and Tomorrow

American Rescue Plan Funding
Legislation included $1.3 billion for the National Health Service Corps (NHSC), Nurse Corps and Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME)

Build Back Better Act
The House passed bill included a total of $5.87 billion for primary care workforce programs – NHSC, Nurse Corps and THCGME

Research
Upcoming NACHC survey found that nearly 70% of health centers have seen 5-25% of health center staff leave over the past 6 months

Biden Plan to Increase Behavioral Health Capacity
The upcoming budget is expected to invest $700 million in programs that provide training, to mental health and substance use disorder clinicians.
The Public Health Emergency has allowed a 6,000% telehealth visits in 2020. The emergency declaration is expected to go through at least July 2022.

The recent spending bill included a 151-day extension beyond the Public Health Emergency (likely through mid-December 2022) while more data is collected.

NACHC Survey from 2021 found that telephone only telehealth visits were particularly important for health center patients.

NACHC has supported several bills that would provide a long-term path forward on telehealth and will continue to push for certainty for health centers.
Protecting Access to 340B

HRSA is getting sued by multiple pharmaceutical companies in multiple venues.

Four drug companies have announced restrictions to health center contract pharmacies.

15 states have passed legislation and over 20 other states are considering legislation. NACHC is working to promote a model bill with other national state-based groups.

NACHC has supported the PROTECT 340B Act (HR 4390) to make sure health centers maintain their savings.
Federal Tort Claims Act Volunteer Coverage

**FTCA Volunteer Program**

Established in 2016, this program provides liability protection to over 500 volunteer clinicians at health centers.

**Program Reach**

Over 100 health centers are utilizing this program.

**Program Growth**

The program has doubled during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Program Expiration**

Authority expires at the end of September 2022.

**Pending Legislation**

Bipartisan bills in the Senate have been introduced to permanently extend the program to help health centers.
Goal:
Build, strengthen and nurture a community of advocacy leaders to...
CHC Advocacy Resource Index

Grassroots Advocacy Resource Index
January 2022

A quick user guide to all of the resources and tools available to our CHC advocacy colleagues.

Health Center Advocacy Network

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Advocacy Resource Flip Book
## 2022 Advocacy Calendar

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### Advocacy Calendar 2022

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Celebrate, Educate and Advocate

- Host Community Events
- #ValueCHCs - Amplify via Social Media
- Invite & Tag Members of Congress
Sign up to be part of the Campaign!

[www.ncfh.org/ag-worker-access.html]
Today, do one little thing to take better care of yourself
...then repeat tomorrow.

Take Good Care of You
NURTURE • LISTEN • ACT

MAKE TIME FOR YOURSELF.
YOU ARE SO IMPORTANT.
Gracias/Thank You for Caring Enough To Make a Difference and For Taking Action!
¡Si Se Puede!
Questions/Preguntas?

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