TACHC
Strengthening Health Centers: Meeting the Needs of Agricultural Workers

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Texas FQHCs

73 FQHCs in Texas with over 650 clinic sites in 137 counties.

1.7 million patients served 6.2 million total visits.

29 centers are designated as rural or frontier.

15 centers are designated Migrant Health Centers.

18,424 patients self-identified as agricultural workers.

In Poverty 66%

65 and older 144,361

Women 1,039,927

Children 609,220

Headquarters in rural areas 41% of health centers
Texas Agricultural Workers

• 15 health centers are designated Migrant Health Centers
• 1 of every 7 working Texans (14%) is in an agriculture-related job¹
• 44% claimed a person in their household received assistance from Medicaid²

¹ Texas Department of Agriculture. Texas Ag Stats. https://www.texasagriculture.gov/About/Texas-Ag-Stats
Texas Agricultural Workers

2017 Texas Agricultural Worker Population Estimates¹

Texas Health Center Sites

Texas Medicaid

- 5.9 million Medicaid enrollees
  - 2.7 million appear to be ineligible

- 32% of health center patients have Medicaid
  - 12% of the Texas Medicaid population
  - Medicaid beneficiaries will begin to lose coverage on June 1, 2023
Strategies to Support Ag Workers

• Social Drivers of Health
• Outreach & Enrollment
  o Medicaid Unwinding
  o Public Charge
• Virtual Care
• Trauma Informed Care
Social Drivers of Health

• Screening
  • All health centers screen for social needs and language barriers
  • All Migrant health centers screen for migrant and seasonal status
  • Screening challenges include:
    o Immigration status
    o Screening questions
    o Consistency
Social Drivers of Health

• Ag workers face significant challenges including:
  o Poverty
  o Language barriers
  o Transportation
  o Access to care

Unite Us

24 engaged centers, 37% of all TX FQHCs.  30% rural
4% frontier
66% urban

12 active, 9 onboarding, 3 committed.
Outreach & Enrollment

- Medicaid Unwinding Trainings
  - Communications staff trainings
  - Policy updates and messaging
- Outreach Materials
- Traditional and Social Media Campaign
- PSA Radio
Medicaid Unwinding

• Over 400,000 push cards and posters distributed statewide

• 50,000 being distributed currently
Public Charge

• 5 Public Charge Trainings

• Statewide Facebook Live with Every Texan

• 100,000 flyers distributed

https://segurotexas.org
Virtual Care

• Telemedicine
• Behavioral Health
• Remote Patient Monitoring (RPM)
Trauma Informed Care

• Program began in April 2019

• TACHC has partnered with 10 PCAs nationwide

TIC started with its first cohort in April of 2019, adding 1-2 cohorts each year.

5 cohorts and 30 centers. 5 are designated migrant health centers.

9 (30%) participating centers are rural and 1 is frontier.
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