

EMPOWERING INDEPENDENCE THROUGH ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

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An access to health care initiative of:



United Way of the Capital Region

Helping People Overcome Barriers to Care



Helping people overcome barriers to care is essential to helping them make preventative care part of their lifestyle.

We connect individuals to:

- Free clinics
- Language support
- Vision care
- Behavioral health
- Dental care
- Transportation assistance
- Food banks
- 211 information and referrals

PROGRAM OUTPUTS



3,554 individuals referred to support organizations.

459 individuals received vouchers for free vision care.

531 individuals received vouchers for free dental care.

Issue

Lack of access to health care to include insurance coverage, vision, dental, behavioral health services, and a primary medical home.

Solution

Contact to Care, United Way of the Capital Region's access to health care initiative, helps people navigate the health care system by removing barriers to care.

Results

858 individuals now have insurance.

1,954 individuals now have a primary medical home.





Through our work with community partners, we hope to help our friends and neighbors stay healthy, and ultimately bring down the cost of health care in the Capital Region.

CORE SOLUTION PARTNERS AND ROLES

Backbone Organization and Funding Source



Primary Funder (through United Way of the Capital Region)



Lead Service Provider

- Hamilton Health Center, Inc., employs six community health workers, supported by United Way.

Community Health Workers Supported by United Way at:

- Penn State Health
- Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute, a Penn State Health Enterprise
- Sadler Health Center

Service Providers Receiving Funding from United Way

- Beacon Clinic for Health and Hope
- Catholic Charities of Harrisburg
- Community Check-Up Center of South Harrisburg, Inc.
- The Health Ministries of Christ Lutheran Church's Dental Clinic
- Hope Within Ministries
- Joshi Health Foundation
- Penn State Health Holy Spirit Medical Outreach at Christ Lutheran Church
- Sadler Health Center
- UPMC Kline Health Center
- Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania

Support Service Providers Receiving Funding from United Way

- Center for Community Building – Transportation
- Commonwealth Clinical Group – Mental Health Services
- Communication Essentials, LLC – Interpretation and Translation Services
- CONTACT Helpline, Inc. – 211 Information and Referral Services
- CyraCom – Interpretation Services
- Hope Within Ministries – Dental Services
- International Service Center – Interpretation and Translation Services
- Latino Hispanic American Community Center (LHACC) – Interpretation and Translation Services
- Ponessa Behavioral Health – Mental Health Services
- Rabbit Transit – Transportation
- Sadler Health Center – Dental and Mental Health Services
- UPMC Kline Dental Clinic – Dental Services

Subject Experts

- Alder Health Services
- AmeriHealth Caritas
- Capital Blue Cross
- Central Pennsylvania Food Bank
- Dauphin County Human Services
- The Foundation for Enhancing Communities
- Health Partners Plans
- Highmark Blue Shield
- Highmark Wholecare
- Partnership for Better Health
- Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute
- Penn State Health
- UPMC Central PA
- UPMC for You

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Language of participants:

- 67% speak Spanish
- 30% speak English
- 2% all other
- 1% speak French

Race of participants:

- 70% identify as Multiracial
- 15% identify as White
- 12% identify as Black/African American
- 2% prefer not to say
- 1% identify as Asian

Ethnicity of participants:

- 72% identify as Hispanic/Latino
- 28% identify as not Hispanic/Latino