

Dear Prospective HealthCorps Member:

Thank you for your interest in AmeriCorps and The Community HealthCorps. We hope you are as excited as we are about serving the most pressing needs of our communities' medically underserved populations. Read the enclosed materials to find out more about how you can become part of this growing movement.

Our sixth class of Community HealthCorps members will begin service in early September 2000. Recruitment is ongoing and will take place in the Spring and Summer for the sixth class. As with many national AmeriCorps programs, we do not have a centralized recruitment and selection process. This means there is **no program-wide application deadline**.

To apply for a position with the Community HealthCorps, simply complete and return the enclosed application today to the coordinator for each program site in which you are interested. If you have specific questions about service assignments after reading the enclosed materials, contact the coordinator of that site. Most sites are reviewing applications on a regular basis. The application process is in your hands! We encourage you to call the coordinators to find out the latest developments in their recruitment schedules.

If you wish to apply for the AmeriCorps Promise Fellows CHIP/Medicaid Outreach Initiative, please contact any sites of interest to you. A new Promise Fellows class is likely to begin in September 2000. Most sites will require a resume to apply, but you should contact the individual sites to learn more about their current Promise Fellows program.

If you have any questions, please contact the program location of your interest or the National Office in Washington, D.C.. We look forward to the possibility of hearing from you. If you have any difficulty downloading the attached documents, please respond directly to this email with your address and a copy will be mailed directly to you

Yours in Service,

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Enclosures / Attachments (Microsoft Office):

- a) Our Program Description
- b) A List of 1999/ 00 Program Sites, Position Descriptions and Contact Information
- c) An AmeriCorps / Community HealthCorps Application
- d) An AmeriCorps Promise Fellow Fact Sheet
- e) AmeriCorps Promise Fellows contact names, addresses, and e-mails



## *The Community HealthCorps*

### **Program Description and Mission**

The Community HealthCorps is a partnership of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), the Corporation for National Service, and nine Community Health Centers located across the country.

The mission of The Community HealthCorps and NACHC is to assure the provision of culturally appropriate preventive and primary health care to medically underserved populations and communities. Health centers diagnose and treat budding health problems early, prevent unnecessary utilization of hospital emergency rooms and inpatient beds, and help cut health care costs.

**Community HealthCorps members** (under the national AmeriCorps program) are a valuable auxiliary to this health service network. Members reach out to provide services to patients not now being served, as well as ensure follow up on treatment plans and promote preventive health practices among new and existing patients.

One hundred and forty-five HealthCorps members (full time equivalents) are providing over 246,500 hours of service through 45 clinic sites in nine areas during the fifth year (1999-2000). Program sites are located in: western rural Alabama; inner city areas of San Francisco, California; rural and urban Colorado; rural northeast Maine; inner city areas of Brooklyn, New York; inner city Syracuse, New York; urban Peekskill, New York; inner city Providence, Rhode Island, and urban western Washington State.

HealthCorps members, many of whom come from the communities served by the participating health centers, also benefit from the program. By providing outreach and support services for low-income families served by community, migrant, and homeless health centers, members are exposed to a range of health career roles dedicated to improving the health status of hard-to-reach populations.

Community HealthCorps members perform much needed outreach, support services, follow-up, and other functions designed to improve access to preventive and primary health care and improve the health of all family members. HealthCorps members include individuals receiving public assistance, unemployed persons, college graduates, high school graduates, and those who have not yet completed high school but would like to continue their education. Health and social service professionals are sought as well. Some HealthCorps members have been recruited from

the AmeriCorps national pool, and all members have a strong desire to give a year of service to health center patients and communities.

Full-time HealthCorps members accepted into the program receive a living allowance of \$9,000 (2000-2001) for a minimum 1,700 hour term of service plus health insurance benefits and, if eligible, child care benefits. After successfully completing a term of service, each member will receive an education award worth \$4,725 to be used toward previously incurred student loans or future education costs. Payments are made directly to the educational institutions.

This first-hand experience in health service delivery, coupled with in-service training and post-program transition services, is expected to result in a substantial proportion of members who will:

- pursue upwardly mobile health careers with the aid of AmeriCorps education awards
- assume increased responsibility for their own lives
- develop a life-long commitment to volunteer service
- achieve long-term personal, family, and civic stability and growth.

## **The Community HealthCorps**

*Currently serving the communities of:*

- Family HealthCare of Alabama (Eutaw, Alabama)
- San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium (San Francisco, California)
- Metropolitan Denver Provider Network (Denver, Colorado)
- Regional Medical Center at Lubec (Lubec, Maine)
- Sunset Park Family Health Center Network (Brooklyn, New York)
- Hudson River HealthCare (Peekskill, New York)
- Syracuse Community Health Center, Inc. (Syracuse, New York)
- Providence Community Health Centers, Inc. (Providence, Rhode Island)
- Sea Mar Community Health Center, Inc. (Seattle, Washington)

# *The Community HealthCorps*

## Site / Service Descriptions and Member Opportunities

The Community HealthCorps is an AmeriCorps program sponsored by the National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc. The program locations and position descriptions for each satellite Community HealthCorps site are described below.

**Family HealthCare of Alabama**  
**Eutaw, AL**  
Audra Ford, HealthCorps Coordinator  
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FHCA is a private, non-profit center which provides comprehensive health care for a rural disadvantaged, predominately African-American population located in its ten-county service area. Established in 1973, FHCA now operates with a staff of about 260

Programs and services include: primary health care; nutrition counseling; maternal and infant care; social work; educational; research; and transportation. FHCA has a long history of providing outreach services including supporting pregnant women throughout their pregnancies; ensuring appropriate care is provided to newborns; teaching mothers parenting skills; ensuring communication between families and medical personnel; and assisting physicians by evaluating the patients home situations. FHCA health promotion and disease prevention programs also reach out to the community to promote healthy lifestyles and early detection of illness and disease.

FHCA's main office and clinic are located in Eutaw, the county seat of Greene County. The picturesque town is set in beautiful, rolling prairie land, its old homes attracting many for annual pilgrimages. The countryside is known for its hunting, fishing and water recreation. Tuscaloosa, home of the University of Alabama, with its numerous cultural activities, sporting events, restaurants and shopping malls, is a short 30-minute drive by interstate.

**Positions -- HealthCorps Members :** Conduct home visits to provide participants outreach, education and social support. Assist participants in learning to access the health care and other community services systems. Provide basic support services, including problem identification, prioritization and resolution, care coordination, and education. Make referrals and appointments for services. Ensure the availability of transportation. Implement special prevention projects. Network with other community agencies.

**Requirements:** A health care background is preferred, but not required. Members will reside in the geographical area served. Demonstrate reading and writing skills at the level necessary to comprehend training materials, record case visits and interviews, and assist patients in filling out forms.

**San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium**  
**San Francisco, CA**  
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The San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium (SFCCC) is a non-profit association of 10 community-based clinics which provide comprehensive outpatient primary care health services to ethnically and culturally diverse groups of low-income patients. SFCCC advocates for the health needs of its member

clinics' patients, administers health programs, operates a Street Outreach Services program and provides its member clinics with training and technical assistance. HealthCorps Members will be assigned to community clinic sites and Street Outreach Services. All Members will spend one-half day per week in training or area-wide service activities.

**Positions -- Social Service Case Management Assistant:** Provides case management to clinic patients by addressing barriers to health care such as: arranging transportation, child care and translation / interpretation; providing other support and follow-up services described under case mgt. asst. position above. Member of interdisciplinary team.

**Medical Case Management Assistant:** Assists clinic patients to better access and utilize primary and preventive health services; supports patients in complying with health care maintenance and treatment plans. Monitors patient charts for timely immunizations, perinatal and well-child care, disease screenings and follow-up. Makes and reminds patients of medical and social service appointments; follows up missed appointments. Plans and participates in health fairs and immunization campaigns. Member of inter-disciplinary team that includes medical providers, health educators and social work staff.

**HealthCorps Outreach Worker / Case Manager Assistant:** Conducts outreach to homeless people to develop trusting relationship and inform them of the availability of services; provides health education on such issues as HIV/AIDS risk reduction and tuberculosis; provides referrals to social service resources; assists with access and eligibility determination.

**Managed Care Educator:** Assists in development of culturally- and linguistically-targeted patient education materials on how to access health services under managed care. Provides individual and group education on managed care. Also participates in health fairs and immunization campaigns.

**Requirements:** Candidates for the above positions should have: a strong desire to serve in this capacity for a year; a high school diploma or GED (or willingness to pursue a GED during service term). Some persons with college credits and some college graduates also are being sought. Health care, case management, outreach and/or community organizing experience helpful. Sensitivity to diversity and cultural issues is important. Particularly interested in persons who are bilingual in English and either Spanish, Cantonese or Tagalog.

**Metropolitan Denver Provider Network  
Aurora, CO**

Janet Shown, HealthCorps Coordinator  
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The Metropolitan Denver Provider Network (MDPN) is a statewide association representing community and migrant health centers (C/MHCs). Located in medically underserved areas, centers provide health care to all, regardless of ability to pay. MDPN

coordinates activities and services that meet center and patient needs. Five HealthCorps Members will be placed in each location.

**Positions: Patient Advocate:** Meets with patient(s) and their families in the clinic, home and other locations to help identify health and social service needs. Links patient with community services and provides information that meets their needs; helps ensure positive health outcomes. Provides education and information on the complex and changing health care system in Colorado. In conjunction with HealthCorps team members and the Community Health Center, develops and implements a community outreach program aimed at improving immunization levels of pre-school aged children. Works with patients to develop an appointment reminder system that will ultimately lead to more appropriate use of the Community Health Center and lead to a decreased rate of missed appointments.

**Requirements:** Strong desire to serve in this capacity for one year. At least two members of each team must be bilingual in Spanish/English and/or a member of the community served. Persons bilingual in Russian, Cambodian, Vietnamese, or Hmong are also desired. High school diploma or GED (or willingness to pursue a GED during service term). Some persons with college credits and some college graduates also are being sought. Sensitivity to diversity and cultural issues required. Prior volunteer experience desired.

**Regional Medical Center at Lubec  
Lubec, ME**  
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The Regional Medical Center at Lubec (RMCL), with almost 100 employees, is the most comprehensive of Maine's 25 plus community health centers. A wide range of health care and prevention services provided is including primary and preventive health care, a

fitness center, physical rehabilitation programs and home health care services. Lubec itself is a fishing community of about 2,000 souls located on Maine's uniquely beautiful, rockbound DownEast coast. Lubec's immediate neighbors are the whales, fish and birds of the northern Atlantic, Campobello Island and New Brunswick; FDR's summer home is across a bridge. The most eastern town in America, Lubec is a part of Washington, the "sunrise" county; it is about 2 hours from Acadia National Park and 120 miles from Bangor.

**Positions : Community Health Education Assistant:** through the RMCL health education department: provides education on nutrition, breast and cervical cancer, cardiovascular health, smoking prevention / cessation, head injury, immunization and other areas. Helps with program development, health fairs, public information materials (including videos), screening clinics, student education, public speaking and other methods to increase knowledge and change behaviors.

**Child Care Provider:** assists in all aspects of service delivery in Quoddy Bay Children's Center in Lubec, a licensed child care center for 34 children.

**Medical / Social Services Case Management Assistant:** assists patient access health care and social services and helps patient comply with treatment plan(s). Monitors patient charts for timely immunizations, perinatal and well-child care, disease care and other follow-up care. Reminds patients of appointments and follows up on missed appointments. Participates in health fairs and public health campaigns. Arranges and/or provides transportation. Arranges for child care and other social services.

**Youth Recreation Assistant:** assists with planning and implementing the Project Adventure model which fosters cooperation, trust, and problem solving through cooperative games and high/low ropes challenge courses. Provides community recreation programs and for adults, adolescents, and teens and assists with the After School Program and Summer Recreation Program.

**Community Fitness Provider:** develops and provides fitness programs focusing on youth participants.

**Outreach Assistant:** assists homecare nursing staff with coordinating other services for homebound elderly.

**Community Educator:** assist homecare program in the development of services for seniors, including developing a community volunteer pool to assist elders with homemaking tasks.

**Community Educator:** assist communication department with developing health education programs on substance abuse and smoking prevention.

**CHIP/Medicaid Outreach:** assist with the development and implementation of the Child Health Insurance Program in Washington County.

**Project Adventure Assistant:** assists with planning and implementing the Project Adventure model which fosters cooperation, trust and problem solving through cooperative games.

**Requirements:** candidates for the above positions should have: a strong desire to serve in this capacity for a year; a high school diploma or GED (or willingness to pursue a GED during service term). Persons with college credits and/or degrees are also being sought. Health care and/or case management experience helpful. Sensitivity to diversity and cultural issues is important.

**Sunset Park Family Health Center  
Network at Lutheran Medical Center  
Brooklyn, NY**  
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The Sunset Park Family Health Center Network is a multi-site, integrated health care system, including primary and specialty care, a school-based health program, an early intervention program for children with special needs, as well as many community based programs. These include an adult education and English-as-a-Second Language program, a childcare center for low-income families, and programs for senior citizens.

**Positions: Community HealthCorps Outreach Worker:** provides case management services for outreach, health education and social support to families in the Sunset Park neighborhood. Members will assist clients to access primary health care through helping patients make appointments, providing translation, and assisting with social service eligibility. Members will help families understand managed care, particularly Medicaid managed care and Child Health Plus, a free or low cost health insurance for children. Members will provide referrals to community resources and develop health education activities on a variety of topics.

Work will include case management, home visits, telephone follow-up, assisting in the health center, making appointments and referrals, and translating for health and social service encounters. Members will work in teams with a team leader and will work with Outreach and Health Education staff from the Sunset Park Family Health Center Network.

**Asthma Educator:** provides asthma education and case management for families with children with asthma, including individual and group health education sessions in schools, health centers, community organizations and in homes. Members will be trained in asthma education, including how to effectively teach adults and children. Members will develop and implement asthma education materials and interactive games. Members will work in conjunction with the Asthma Education Program of the SPFHCN.

**Team Leader:** offers hands-on support and guidance to teams of AmeriCorps members. One position each will work with the Outreach Team and the Asthma Team and will act as the liaison with appropriate Sunset Park Family Health Center personnel. The third leader will help the Project Director coordinate Corps-wide activities. Duties will include coordinating with national and state commissions, the rest of the Community HealthCorps, and other AmeriCorps projects in New York City. This member will develop and coordinate health education activities and health fairs.

Team leaders are required to have at least two years of college education or work experience and must be computer literate.

**Requirements:** All members must be bilingual, and preferable bicultural, in English and either Spanish, Arabic or Chinese. A demonstrated interest in health and social services is highly desirable. All positions are full time.

**Hudson River HealthCare, Inc**  
**Peekskill, NY**  
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The Hudson River HealthCare, Inc. (formerly Peekskill Area Health Center, Inc.) is a not-for-profit, New York State licensed ambulatory health care center which this year celebrates 20 years of delivering comprehensive primary and preventive health care for patients residing throughout the Hudson River Valley area.

Sensitive to the unique needs of its culturally and economically diverse patient population, the HRHC remains committed to challenging the barriers that too often impede a patient's timely and regular use of health care. With its patient-centered focus, HRHC has consistently designed and implemented an array of culturally competent strategies, as well as marketing and promotional campaigns to engage and sustain patients who might not otherwise have access to affordable medical, dental and behavioral services. The well trained multi-disciplinary health care team, which includes board certified and eligible physicians and other experienced and dedicated licensed professionals strives to meet the comprehensive needs of the individuals they serve. Services include internal medicine, adolescent medicine, dental care, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, family medicine and mental health with special emphasis on HIV and

substance abuse services. Cardiology, psychiatric, nutrition, podiatry and optometry specialists join the staff regularly to offer a full range of primary, preventive and specialty services to patients.

**Positions: Community Care Partners:** Provide home based support; ensuring regular and timely utilization of prenatal, post-partum and newborn care for high risk women and their children. Facilitate linkages to health care; arrange transportation and accompany patients to office visits; provide home based education and offer labor support as needed. Monitor patient charts; follow up on missed appointments; provide home visits for monitoring infant development. Provide regularly scheduled and flexible support services to vulnerable and isolated senior citizens; ensuring linkages to primary and preventive care. Organize transportation, case advocacy, home based education, friendly visiting and telephone reassurance.

**Requirements:** Candidates should have health care and/or case management experience; demonstrate a strong desire to serve in this capacity for one year; have a high school diploma or GED (persons with college credits and/or graduates preferred); sensitivity to diversity and cultural issues. Bilingual a plus.

**Syracuse Community Health Center, Inc.**  
**Syracuse, NY**  
Shiann Brown, HealthCorps Coordinator  
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Syracuse Community Health Center (SCHC) is a private not-for-profit, multi-institutional, multi-disciplinary corporation established in 1978 in accordance with section 330 of the Public Health Services Act. SCHC's mission is to provide comprehensive, quality health care

services to all individuals with a commitment to those who might otherwise be excluded from the health care systems while remaining cost-effective, efficient and competitive. With a staff of 316, SCHC provides a wide range of health and support services including: adult medicine; pediatrics; obstetrics and gynecology; mid-wifery; eye care; podiatry; health education; counseling, addictions and psychological services; case management; dentistry; pharmacy; laboratory; radiology; and urgent care services.

Located in Central New York between New York City and Canada, Syracuse has warm, gentle summers and hearty, snow-filled winters. With four prominent seasons, sports enthusiasts will find a haven to hone their skills. Downhill and cross-country skiing opportunities are plentiful. For college football and basketball followers, the SU Orangemen are nationally known and beloved in Syracuse.

**Positions: Community HealthCorps Members:** will be assigned to a departmental or site supervisor at one of the three Health Center locations. Under the direction of a program coordinator, members will provide service in the following areas: managed care, marketing/public relations, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, adult medicine, urgent care, counseling, case management, HIV, and substance abuse services. HealthCorps Members will engage in a number and variety of activities designed to increase access to primary health care services and encourage appropriate utilization of the health care system. Activities will include: door-to-door canvassing, home visits, community presentations and other outreach efforts designed to identify and inform area residents who do not currently have a health care provider about health care services and resources available at SCHC and within the community. Other activities will include targeting visits to at-risk families to encourage early, continuous pre-natal care; ensuring that children are immunized according to Department of Health schedules; ensuring that children with high lead levels are properly screened and treated; and promoting and encouraging continuity of care for children and adults.

**Requirements:** candidates for these positions should have: a strong desire to serve in this capacity for a year; a high school diploma or GED. Individuals with college credits, college graduates, and individuals fluent in both Spanish and English are also being sought. Health care and/or case management experience helpful. Should be sensitive to diversity and cultural issues.

**Providence Community Health Centers, Inc.**  
**Providence, RI**  
Crystal Davis, Program Director  
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PCHC was established in 1968 to serve low-income populations that historically have had limited access to comprehensive primary health care. These populations also have demonstrated an underutilization of health maintenance services and have a higher risk of poor health outcomes. The primary community served is the City of Providence.

In addition to high poverty rates and a substantial culturally diverse population, Providence can be characterized as having high rates of teen pregnancy and inadequate prenatal care, homelessness, HIV infection and substance abuse. Comprehensive health services are provided at five community health centers and a school-based clinic. Services include: medical, pediatrics, OB/GYN, dentistry, screening and counseling, basic pharmacy, health education, transportation, interpretation, and outstationed substance abuse treatment. A significant number of PCHC staff are members of minority communities, which enhances the cultural competence of on-site operations. Wherever possible, PCHC employs community residents. Community HealthCorps members will be based at each of the five major PCHC health centers, although most of their service will be done in the communities being served.

**Positions: HealthCorps Team Members:** Primary activities include community outreach, patient education and case management support. Will interact with all levels of health center staff, patients, and the communities being served. These include (1) educating patients on health-related issues, (2) helping clients access social services, such as food, housing, employment, heating assistance, ESL (English Second Language) and GED (General Equivalency Diploma) classes, and (3) empowering clients toward self-sufficiency by role modeling, interpreting, escorting, and providing linkages to services and information. The PCHC HealthCorps also provides opportunities in asthma education and women's health, including conducting home visits, assisting in the OB/GYN departments, and serving as Doulas (birth attendants).

**Requirements:** Minimum of high school diploma and some experience with community work in culturally diverse population areas. Bilingual capability in English and either Spanish or Portuguese strongly desired.

**Sea Mar Community Health Center**  
**Seattle, WA**  
Jesus Rodriguez, Interim Program Coordinator  
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Sea Mar Community Health Center is a community-based organization committed to providing comprehensive health and human services to our communities, specializing in service to Hispanics.

Seattle and King Counties are nestled between the Pacific Ocean and the Cascade Mountains. Outdoor recreation ranges from exploring the islands in Puget Sound on the Washington State Ferry system to camping and hiking in Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Indoor recreation is also plentiful. Seattle offers a kaleidoscope of performing arts. It boasts more equity theaters than any U.S. city outside of New York and offers a vibrant club scene featuring entertainers from rock to pop. Seattle also is home to professional symphony, opera, and ballet companies.

**Positions: BPHC Coordinator:** Responsible for ensuring recall of patients involved in this program along with completing necessary referral, scheduling patients, ensuring all reporting requirements are met for the program and verifying all paperwork is received by the billing department. Bilingual English/Spanish is required.

**Child Care Provider:** Assists in all aspects of service delivery in the Sea Mar Child Development Center, a multicultural child care center for 48 children.

**Community Health Education Assistant:** Provides direct health education and consulting to individuals including family planning, pregnancy options, diabetes, and smoking cessation. Assists with program development, health fairs, public information, screening clinics, student education, and public speaking to emphasize preventive health care and health maintenance.

**Intergenerational Program Coordinator:** Acts as a liaison between the Child Development Center and the Skilled Nursing Facility to plan intergenerational recreational opportunities.

**Referral Coordinator:** Serves as a liaison between patients, Sea Mar providers, and outside referral providers. Arranges and/or provides transportation to patient appointments, assists with DSHS applications, and provides interpretation.

**Maternal/Child Health Education Aide:** Provides care to prenatal/post-partum mothers and their newborns in accordance with clients' care plans and Sea Mar policy and procedures through the provision of home visits and the coordination of community services.

**Laboratory Aide/Research Assistant:** Conduct basic laboratory procedures; i.e., blood sampling and assist with an asthma study in conjunction with the University of Washington.

**Requirements:** Ability to collaborate with other members of the Health Center in order to maintain high quality standards and achieve client satisfaction and good verbal and written communication skills. Essential is the ability to serve productively in a fast-paced community health care environment. Also, fundamental is to support a multiethnic, multicultural, and multilingual community and to function within a team to support other member's and your own achievement of both organizational and personal goals.

**Education:** Baccalaureate Degree preferred, High School Diploma or GED required.

**Experience:** Prior experience in (a) health care or social services, (b) health education, or (c) community work/organizing/advocacy essential. Spanish speaking candidates highly desired.

# **AmeriCorps Promise Fellows CHIP / Medicaid Outreach Initiative**

**Mission:** The National Association of Community Health Centers in partnership with the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC), the Corporation for National Service, America's Promise, and selected Community Health Centers and State Primary Care Associations is developing volunteer-based outreach models to expand enrollment of low-income children in the Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and Medicaid.

**Background:** Major policy shifts over the past two years have created challenges and opportunities for change. While unemployment rates and welfare rolls decline, the numbers who lack health insurance continue to mount. CHIP can expand health insurance coverage to millions of near-poor children not eligible for Medicaid, as millions of others remain eligible but not enrolled in Medicaid. Welfare reform has separated eligibility for financial assistance from the provision of Medicaid, which, coupled with an ongoing transition to Medicaid managed care in most states, has resulted in Medicaid enrollments declining.

Enactment of CHIP created new state-based mechanisms for health care coverage for uninsured children. Still millions of families of children that are eligible for health insurance lack the basic information and understanding that would enable them to sign up and gain regular access to a health care provider. Community Health Centers, as the primary "safety-net" provider of health care for Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs), are best positioned to reach children who are eligible but not covered.

Recognizing these challenges and opportunities, BPHC launched a \$1.3 million CHIP / Medicaid Outstationing Demonstration in 26 states in 1998 and expanded it to an additional ten states in 1999. Simultaneously, numerous community health centers expanded their efforts to reach the uninsured.

Building on its ongoing program of training and technical assistance to community health centers and its operation of the AmeriCorps-sponsored Community HealthCorps over the last three years, NACHC developed the CHIP / Medicaid Outreach Initiative to place AmeriCorps Promise Fellows with established outreach initiatives being run by community health centers and state primary care associations. These initiatives are organizing CHIP / Medicaid Enrollment Campaigns that link with other youth serving ventures, particularly in "Communities of Promise", and draw on community volunteers to get the work done.

NACHC received funding in November, 1998 from the Corporation for National Service (CNS) for fifteen AmeriCorps Promise Fellowships. Partnerships with the states of California and Maryland added four more Fellows. Program implementation began in early March, 1999.

Over the next year, NACHC proposes to expand this effort by securing AmeriCorps VISTA members in selected states and linking with other CNS efforts to mobilize volunteers.

## **What is the AmeriCorps Promise Fellows Program?**

AmeriCorps Promise Fellows are a leadership cadre of committed, talented individuals who dedicate a year of their lives to building a better future for children and youth. As part of this special partnership between AmeriCorps and America's Promise - The Alliance for Youth, more than 500 AmeriCorps Promise Fellows are spearheading community efforts to provide young people with the five fundamental resources identified at the President's Summit for America's Future:

- Caring adults in their lives as parents, mentors, tutors, and coaches;
- Safe places with structured activities in which to learn and grow;
- **A healthy start and a healthy future**;
- An effective education that equips them with marketable skills; and
- An opportunity to give back to communities through their own service.

AmeriCorps Promise Fellows serve with national, state, and local non-profit organizations - developing and coordinating large-scale activities intended to support children and youth. In exchange for their year of service, Fellows receive extensive professional development training, a living allowance of \$13,000, and an education award of \$4,725 that can be used to finance higher education or to help pay off student loans.

### **CHIP/Medicaid Outreach Initiative Placement Sites:**

***Primary Care Associations (PCA)*** - locations within states to be determined:

**California PCA** - 2 Fellows

(funded by the California Commission on Improving Life Through Service)

**Georgia Association for Primary Health Care** - 2 Fellows

**Illinois PCA** - 1 Fellow

**Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved** - 1 Fellow

**Maine Ambulatory Care Coalition** - 1 Fellow

**Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers** - 1 Fellow

**Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Care** - 2 Fellows

(funded by the Maryland Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism)

**Mississippi PCA** - 2 Fellows

**Oregon PCA** - 1 Fellow

**Texas PCA** - 2 Fellows

***Community Health Centers:***

**Community Health Center of Burlington (VT)** - 1 Fellow

**Hill Health Center (New Haven, CT)** - 1 Fellow

**Sunset Park Family Health Center Network (Brooklyn, NY)** - 1 Fellow

**Valley Health Systems (West Virginia)** - 1 Fellow

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# NACHC AmeriCorps Promise Fellows CHIP/Medicaid Outreach Initiative

## ***Primary Care Associations:***

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### **Georgia Association for Primary Health Care**

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### **Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers**

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### **Mississippi Primary Health Care Association**

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# *The Community HealthCorps*

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE:  
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OF MEDICALLY-UNDERSERVED  
FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES**

**NATIONAL**

## **APPLICATION**

**Applicants will be considered on  
a "first come / first served" basis, so apply now.**

Apply directly to the program sponsor(s) listed on the last page. The program sponsor(s) will send reference forms directly to the persons you list as references. If you wish to apply to more than one sponsor, please send a copy of your application to your additional choice(s).

**An AmeriCorps National Direct Program  
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and  
The Corporation for National Service**

# The Community HealthCorps

## Choosing a Program Location

Accompanying this application are brief descriptions of Community HealthCorps program sites, along with the HealthCorps Member position description(s) and requirements for each. After selecting the program site(s) and position description(s) that most fit your interests and skills (or skills you wish to develop and experience you would gain), indicate up to three choices below.

	Location	Position (as appropriate)
1st Choice		
2nd Choice		
3rd Choice		

## Application Instructions

An applicant must be a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident Alien who is at least 17 years old. There is no upper age limit. There are no minimum, formal education requirements. Those with less than a high school diploma or equivalency certificate, however, must agree to pursue one.

This application asks you to determine the skills and experiences you offer as well as the reasons you hope to be selected. Consider each section carefully. Think about your roles in social service activities, membership in community organizations, academic experiences and personal talents. Take into account everything from your past and present. Your application and personal references help create a full picture of you and what you will bring to national service. Make sure this application reflects all the qualities that make you a good candidate for AmeriCorps and The Community HealthCorps.

### **I. Personal Profile:**

<b>Name:</b>
<b>Current Address:</b>
Street
City
State / Zip
<b>Permanent Address:</b>
Street
City
State / Zip

Date of birth:	Soc. Sec. No.:
Telephone No. with Area Code: Daytime ( ) Evening ( )	Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident Alien?  ___ Yes ___ No

When are you available to serve ? \_\_\_\_\_

Besides English, what other languages do you speak and write? \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL INFORMATION: The information inside this box is optional and in no way will affect your selection.**

Indicate your ethnic background:

\_\_\_ African American \_\_\_ Hispanic / Latino \_\_\_ American Indian/Alaskan Native

\_\_\_ White/non-Hispanic \_\_\_ Asian American/Pacific Islander \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special needs that require accommodation? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Does your family receive public assistance (e.g. AFDC, Food Stamps)?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

## II. Community / Volunteer Activities

List and describe your organizational activities and volunteer service experience. Include special, school, professional, volunteer and neighborhood projects and programs. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Dates of Participation	Group/Organization Name	Activities / Role

### III. Educational Background:

Beginning with the most recent, list all schools you have attended, including higher education institutions, high school(s), any trade or technical school, Job Corps, etc. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name of School	Location (city/state)	Area of Study	Dates Attended	Degree/Certificate

### IV. Skills

Check the items below in which you have had significant training or experience, including volunteer or community service experience. Also, circle those areas in which you would like to gain experience through AmeriCorps.

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Dev. / Child Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Mediation/Conflict Resolution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Education              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center Work   | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer                | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Work                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling / Outreach   | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching / Tutoring           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Skills          | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing / Journalism          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Education        | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Work                    |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Others                        |
|  | (specify) _____  |

### V. Employment Record

Please include full- or part-time, paid employment, home management and military service. Start with your current or most recent work experience. Attach additional page if necessary.

<p><b>1. Employer:</b>  job title:  supervisor:  city/state  duties:  wage/salary: from _____ to _____  dates employed: from _____ to _____  hrs. per week: _____ phone _____  reason for leaving:</p>	<p><b>2. Employer:</b>  job title:  supervisor:  city/state  duties:  wage/salary: from _____ to _____  dates employed: from _____ to _____  hrs. per week: _____ phone _____  reason for leaving:</p>
<p><b>3. Employer:</b>  job title:  supervisor:  city/state  duties:  wage/salary: from _____ to _____  dates employed: from _____ to _____  hrs. per week: _____ phone _____  reason for leaving:</p>	<p><b>4. Employer:</b>  job title:  supervisor:  city/state  duties:  wage/salary: from _____ to _____  dates employed: from _____ to _____  hrs. per week: _____ phone _____  reason for leaving:</p>

May we contact your current and/or previous employer? \_\_\_\_\_

## VI. References

Please list two individuals whom we may contact as references. Use people who know you well, such as teachers, guidance counselors and community members. Program sites will contact the persons you list below.

<p><b>Name</b>  street address  city/state zip  telephone:  relationship with you:</p>	<p><b>Name</b>  street address  city/state zip  telephone:  relationship with you:</p>
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## **VII. Personal Statement and Additional Information**

Please answer the following questions on attached piece(s) of paper. Please be concise: responses should not exceed 250 words in most cases.

1. Why do you want to join The Community HealthCorps?
  2. What are the most important skills and experiences you would bring to the HealthCorps?
  3. What are your long term goals? What do you hope to do following your term(s) of service?
4. Describe any particularly difficult situations you have faced in your life.

Please attach any additional information you think will help us evaluate your application.

## **VIII. Certification**

All applications must be signed by the applicant. By signing this application you are stating that all of the information provided is true to the best of your knowledge. Any false information may result in dismissal.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO  
ONE OR MORE PROGRAM SPONSORS LISTED BELOW**

[Family Health Care of Alabama](#)

115 Boligee Street  
Eutaw, AL 35462-0599

[San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium](#)

1388 Sutter Street, Suite 607  
San Francisco, CA 94109

[Metropolitan Denver Provider Network](#)

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Aurora, CO 80203

[Regional Medical Center at Lubec](#)

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Lubec, ME 04652

[Peekskill Area Health Center](#)

1037 Main Street  
Peekskill, NY 10566

[Sunset Family Health Center Network at Lutheran Medical Center](#)

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[Syracuse Community Health Center](#)

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[The Providence Community Health Centers](#)

375 Allens Avenue  
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[SeaMar Community Health Center](#)

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