

PROGRAM BRIEF



PROGRAM NAME

Coordinated Access to Community Health (CATCH)

PURPOSE

CATCH is a network of independent safety net clinics offering free and low-cost care to residents on a low-income. The network currently includes:

Dream Centers, Mission Medical Center, Open Bible Medical Clinic & Pharmacy, Peak Vista Community Health Centers, S.E.T. Family Medical Clinics, Tri-Lakes Cares Outreach Clinic, and Westside Cares Outreach Clinic.

DEFINING THE ISSUE

It is estimated that more than 40,000 people are uninsured in El Paso County.



People who are uninsured are less likely than those with insurance to receive services for major health conditions.



People who are uninsured are more likely to develop a disability over time.



Adults who are uninsured are more likely to visit an Emergency Department.



The average trip to an Emergency Department costs 40% more than the average American's monthly rent.

COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP'S ROLE

Since 2006, CHP has supported CATCH by:



Soliciting donated medical services on behalf of clinics.



Providing care coordination for patients with complex needs.



Offering training to clinical staff.

KEY MESSAGES

- CATCH provides access to free health care, including donated diagnostic, laboratory, and imaging services to individuals who are on a low-income and uninsured.
- CATCH promotes opportunities to volunteer and/or donate services throughout the healthcare community while negotiating and developing relationships with physicians, students, and other donors.
- CATCH convenes safety net clinics to determine needs and provide creative solutions for patient care.

CALL TO ACTION

- Educate the broader community, people who are uninsured, and the medical community about the existence and benefits of the network in order to increase access to care, reduce the cost of care, and reduce visits to Emergency Departments (ED) for non-emergencies.
- The medical community can refer patients who are uninsured to safety net clinics to improve access to health care, reduce the cost of care, and reduce the burden on ED.
- Participate in the network by donating time or services to broaden the scope of specialists the network can access. Current needs include cardiology, dental services, dermatology, gastroenterology, mental health, ophthalmology, orthopedics, physical therapy, surgery, and substance abuse treatment.



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