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**Federally Qualified
Health Centers (FQHC)
A Primer for Psychologists**

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FQHCs: Community Based Non-Profit Comprehensive Primary Care Centers

- Located in or serve a **high need community** (designated Medically Underserved Area or Population).
- **Governed by a community board** composed of a majority (51% or more) of health center patients who represent the population served.
- **Provide comprehensive primary health care services** as well as supportive services (education, translation and transportation, etc.) that promote access to health care.
- Provide services available to all with **fees adjusted based on ability to pay**.
- Meet other **performance and accountability requirements** regarding administrative, clinical, and financial operations.

Health Center Program Overview (Calendar Year 2010)

19.5 Million Patients

- 38% uninsured
- 93% below 200% poverty
- 62% racial/ethnic minorities
- 1,052,000 homeless individuals

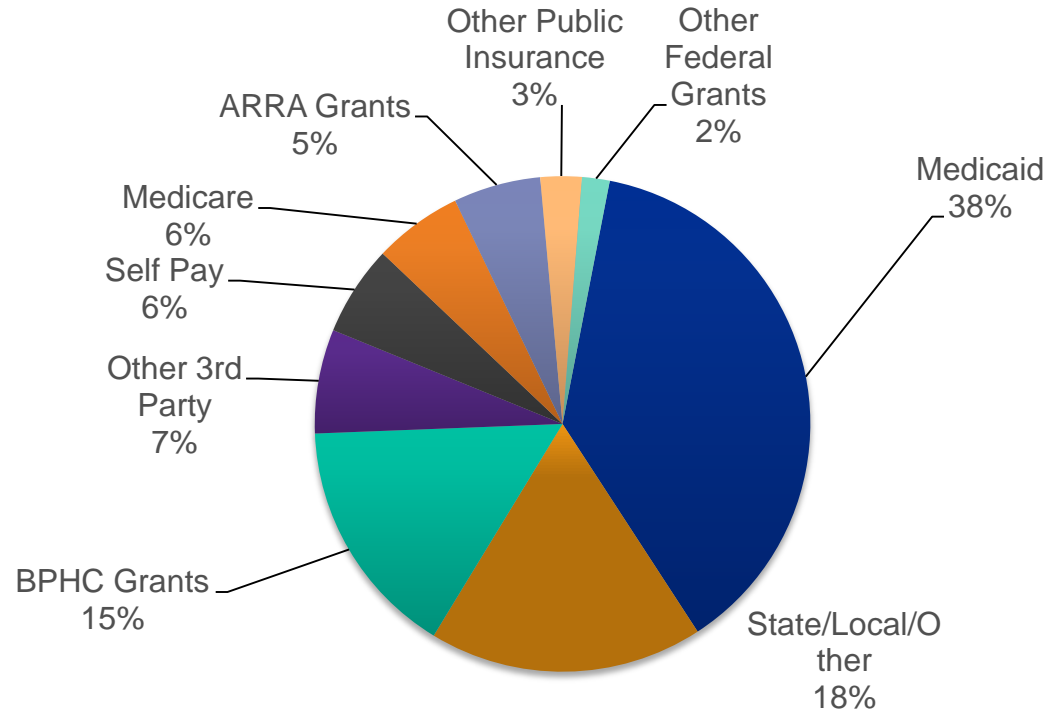
77 Million Patient Visits

- 1,124 grantees
- 8,100+ service sites

Over 131,000 Staff

- 9,592 physicians
- 6,362 NPs, PAs, & CNMs

Health Center Revenue Sources

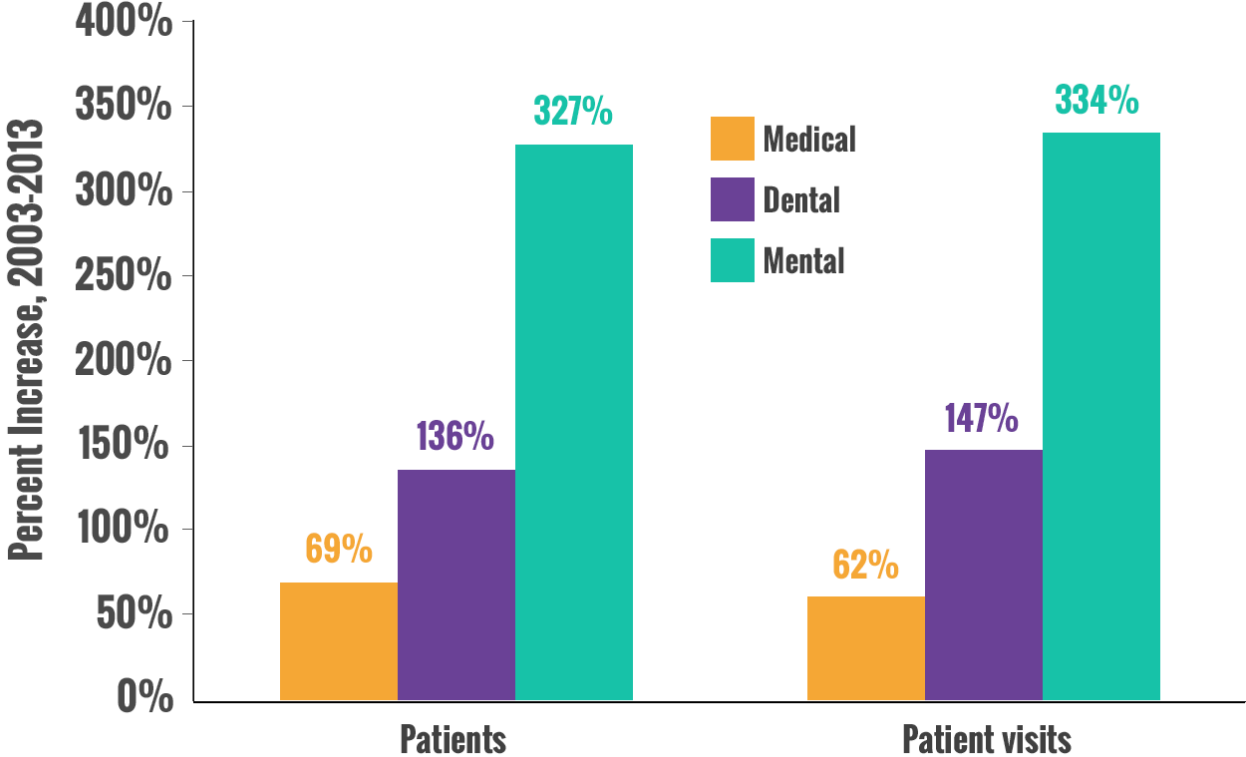


Source: HRSA, Uniform Data System, 2010

FQHCs: More than a Safety Net

- 1400+ FQHCs in U.S. with 9800+ sites
- ~ 23,000,000 individuals served
- Over 2/3 are PCMH
- Healthcare Workforce Development
- Access point for reduced/free medications and vaccines
- Unique funding model

Health Centers Have Experienced Tremendous Growth in the Number of Patients and Visits for Medical, Dental and Mental Health Care, 2003-2013



Note: Mental health does not include substance abuse. Percent Increase is calculated using actual patient and patient visit number, not with rounded numbers presented in this chart. Source: 2003-2013 Uniform Data System, Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, DHHS

FQHC Services and Access

Services	# of Patients Served
Medical Services	16,777,152
Dental Services	3,750,481
Mental health services	852,984
Substance abuse services	98,760
Other prof. services	387,134
Enabling services	1,793,746

4200+ Behavioral Health Providers in FQHCs

- 360 Psychologists
- 394 Psychiatrists
- 1,265 Social Workers
- 958 Other Licensed Behavioral Health Providers
- 1,264 Other Behavioral Health Staff

Common Presenting Issues in FQHCs

- **Hypertension**
- **Diabetes Mellitus**
- **Heart Disease**
- **Asthma**
- **Depression & Other Mood Disorders**
- **Mental Health/Substance Abuse**

Opportunities for Psychologists in FQHCs

- **Employment**
- **Affiliation**
- **Preferred referral relationship**
- **Clinical research**
- **Community health partnership**
- **Health education and training**

Potential Roles and Responsibilities of Psychologists in FQHCs

- **Access to behavioral health**
- **Manage patient complexity—**
individual and population level
- **Care Coordination &**
Collaboration
- **Evidence Based Practice**
- **Program Evaluation**
- **Quality Improvement**
- **Program development**
- **Training** for medical providers,
nurses, support staff
- **Organizational change**
management
- **Clinical leadership**

FQHC Culture

- Mission to care for **underserved**
- **Patient centered**
- Anchored in **principles of primary care**
- Emphasis on **eliminating health disparities**
- **Financially lean**
- Emphasis on **clinical quality improvement**
- **Community minded**

For more information:

- Health Resources and Service Administration Health Center Program

www.bphc.hrsa.gov

- National Association of Community Health Centers

www.nachc.com



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