



High Quality Family Care...

- Family - focused care for all ages
- Board-certified Family Practice Physicians and Physician Assistants
- Daytime, Evening, and Saturday hours
- Convenient central location
- 24 Hour, 365 Days a Year "on-call" Coverage

A Complete Range of Services

- Treatment of acute illness or injury
- Prenatal care, deliveries, and after-delivery care and support
- Well-child care, immunizations, sports and camp physicals
- Complete adult health care services, including annual physicals and well woman exams
- In-hospital and nursing home care, including home visits if needed
- On-site minor surgery and procedures including colposcopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, vasectomy and suturing of minor wounds
- Family planning services
- Special expertise in mental health and behavioral medicine issues
- Social work support



Things to know about us...

- We serve over **10,000** Vermonters.
- **70%** of our patients are either uninsured, underinsured, homeless or low income and enrolled in Medicaid or Medicare programs.
- **16%** of our office visits are for children.
- CHC physicians **delivered 48 healthy babies** at the hospital last year.
- **11%** of our patients are elders.
- **8%** of our patients are considered culturally diverse.
- We serve over **400** Vietnamese patients and more than **300** Bosnian patients.
- **5%** of our patient visits are for homeless men, women, teens and children.
- Over **\$1,000,000** worth of free or low cost prescription medicines have been made available to our low income patients over the past five years.
- We receive over **1,800** referrals per year from a partnership with Fletcher Allen Health Care's emergency room, resulting in more cost effective use of health care dollars.
- We are the **state's largest testing site** for anonymous HIV testing and counseling, serving over 300 Vermonters a year.



Our Special Programs...

- **The Sliding Fee Scale** for uninsured and underinsured patients. Visits and procedures start at just \$2.00.
- **Our interpreter program** offers on staff, paid professional interpreters in Vietnamese and Bosnian for non-English speaking patients.
- **Volunteer Physicians** provide free specialty care in Cardiology, Podiatry, Ophthalmology and Surgery.
- **The Prescription Assistance Program** connects drug manufacturer giving programs with our patients to ensure that prescribed medications are affordable.
- **The Reach Out and Read Program**, connecting literacy to good health, issues 100's of books with a "prescription" for reading to children under the age of 5.
- **The Baby Basket Program** provides medical supplies to new mothers in need.
- **Our Homeless Health Care Program** is a collaborative effort providing health care, mental health and substance abuse assistance, case management and dental care to the homeless men, women and children of our community.
- **Our drop-in Health Clinic at Spectrum Youth and Family Services** provides access to care for homeless and runaway adolescents.

Your contribution *will* make a difference.

Please send a generous gift today.

Many Vermonters, especially working Vermonters, do not have access to affordable health care. Your contribution will help us to continue to provide a safety net of primary and preventive health care for those in need.

Thank You.



The Community Health Center
of Burlington

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“The Community Health Center has served Burlington’s Old North End and beyond for more than twenty years, providing essential health care to thousands of uninsured, homeless and low income community residents.

With your help and mine, the Health Center can continue to improve the quality of life for Vermonters in need for many years to come.”

Senator Patrick Leahy

“The Community Health Center of Burlington is a critical safety net for Vermonters unable to afford to pay for primary and preventive health care. Your support will bring health and human services directly to the residents most in need.

I hope Vermonters will join me in helping this very worthy organization.”

Senator James Jeffords

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Community Health Center of Burlington to provide quality health care and human services to all people regardless of ability to pay. Services are offered in an environment that conveys respect, offers support, and encourages people to be actively involved in their own health care.

*Thank you for
caring for health,
caring for families and
caring for our community.*



Community Health Centers

- Every Dollar Invested Saves Seven Dollars for Medicare, Medicaid and Private Insurance.
- Every Dollar Invested Saves Six Dollars through Lower Use of Specialty and Inpatient Care.
- Every Dollar Invested Saves a Dollar from Reduced Use of Hospital Emergency Rooms.

What Is a Federally Qualified Health Center? FQHC’S...

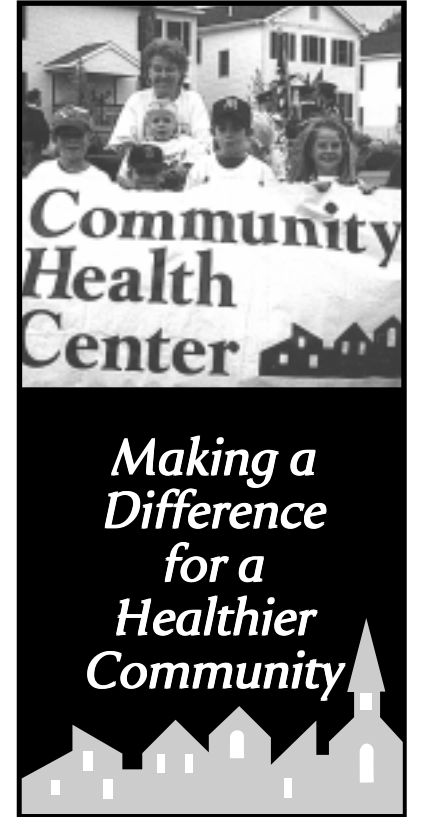
- are united in their mission of health care for all people, regardless of ability to pay.
- operate in medically underserved areas and meet stringent government regulations for administrative and clinical programs.
- provide the most cost-effective primary and preventive health care in the nation.
- keep the most challenging, impoverished patients healthy and out of hospitals and emergency rooms.

The Community Health Center of Burlington, one of just two Federally Qualified Health Centers in Vermont, was proud to join the national family of community health centers in 1993.

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