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Los Angeles Children's Health Project



The Los Angeles Children's Health Project (LACHP), also known as COACH (Community Outreach Assistance for Children's Health) for Kids and Their Families, provides medical, mental health and dental services to children 0-18 years of age, along with case management services to their families, to those living in low-income and medically underserved areas throughout Los Angeles County. The LACHP is part of Children's Health Fund's Referral Management Initiative, which is designed to ensure that children in high-risk populations have access to specialty care.

Serving Communities in Need

Of the patients served by the LACHP, 100% live at or below the poverty level, approximately 25-30% are "doubling-up," living with extended family members in single 1-2-bedroom apartments, 23%



live in government housing, and 5% are homeless (living in shelters, trailers, or transitional housing). Thirty percent of the patients are uninsured and 70% are under-insured. The patient population is approximately 75% Hispanic, 23% African American, 1% Asian, and 1% other race/ethnicity. The majority of the population served by LACHP are immigrants. The children served present with problems such as under-immunized, dental decay, inadequate nutrition, asthma, recurring otitis media, as well as poor school performance, speech delays, ADHD and behavior problems.

Available Services

- Comprehensive primary care, including immunizations and laboratory tests;
- Referral management to ensure high-risk populations receive specialty care;
- Screenings for tuberculosis, lead and anemia; hearing and vision testing;
- Nutrition consultation and education;
- Social work, case management, crisis interventions, psycho-social assessments and referrals;
- Parent support groups;
- Dental care services including screenings and oral health education;
- Health education;
- Referrals to community resources; and
- 24-hour, 7 day a week access to licensed staff.

Sites Served

The LACHP provides services at approximately 30 different sites throughout Los Angeles County. Those sites include about 14 elementary/middle schools, homeless shelters, public housing projects, Head Start Preschool Centers, WIC Centers and various other community centers. These service sites cover the following areas: Hollywood, Inglewood, Lennox, South LA, Crenshaw, Downtown/Skid Row LA, Santa Monica, Mid-City, Echo Park, and Pico-Union.

The LACHP sees patients at the following locations in the 34th Congressional District: in Pico-Union, Tenth Street Elementary School; in Mid-City, PACE Head Start Center; and in South L.A., Pueblo del Rio Housing Development. The LACHP visits the following locations near the 34th Congressional District: in Pico-Union, Children's Institute International, Hoover Elementary School, WIC 8th Street, and WIC Washington/Vermont; and in Echo Park, the PATH Homeless Shelter and WIC Echo Park. The LACHP serves patients at other sites on a monthly, annual, or periodic basis, and visits 10th Street Elementary School (L.A. Unified School District) weekly.

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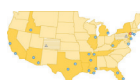
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