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## Phoenix Children's Health Project



The Phoenix Children's Health Project (PCHP), aka the Crews 'n Healthmobile, is based out of Phoenix Children's Hospital, one of the largest free-standing children's hospitals in the U.S. Together with partners UMOM New Day Center and Healthcare for the Homeless, the PCHP provides comprehensive services to homeless, runaway, throwaway and at-risk youth twenty-four years of age and under in the urban communities of Phoenix and Tempe, Arizona. Currently, thousands of youth live on the streets of Phoenix, many in desperate need of medical treatment. Most face substantially increased risk of illness, injury and depression due to the hardships they face living on the street. Most lack health insurance and have significant psychosocial barriers to accessing appropriate health care.

Conditions frequently treated by the PCHP include acute illnesses such as respiratory and ear infections, skin and eye disorders, asthma, sexually transmitted diseases, substance abuse, trauma and mental health issues. By bringing comprehensive primary care directly to at-risk youth, the Phoenix Children's Health Project is able to provide an accessible, enhanced medical home to an extremely vulnerable population.



### Serving Communities in Need

The patient population of the PCHP is 55% Caucasian, 23% African American, 5% Native American and 17% other or unknown. Of these, 39% are Hispanic, 52% are male and 48% female. Approximately 15% are living on the streets, 32% in shelters, 10% in transitional living programs, 35% in other situations ("couch surfing," group homes, or with relatives), and 8% are staying with friends. Approximately 41% of patients are uninsured.

### Available Services

- ▣ Comprehensive physical examinations and immunizations;
- ▣ Management of acute and chronic illnesses;
- ▣ GYN care and referrals;
- ▣ Nutrition counseling;
- ▣ Injury prevention;
- ▣ Health education;
- ▣ Vision, hearing, and developmental screenings;
- ▣ Mental Health counseling, medication, and case management;
- ▣ HIV/STD testing and counseling;
- ▣ Substance abuse assessment and referrals; and
- ▣ Subspecialty & community referrals.

### Program Sites

The PCHP delivers services five days a week. A fixed site clinic is operated at UMOM New Day Center, Arizona's largest family shelter housing between 300-400 children at any given time. Mobile sites include Mill Ave in Tempe, Children First Academy, South Mountain YMCA, HomeBase Youth Services, Watkins Overflow Shelter, Tumbleweed Drop-In Center, and Tumbleweed Learning Center.

## PROGRAM FACTS

### Home Institution/Affiliation:

Phoenix Children's Hospital

### Year Established:

August 2000

### Electronic Health Records

Implemented: 2005

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