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Arkansas Children's Health Project



The Arkansas Children's Health Project (ARCHP) provides medical services to children, adolescents and families in three counties in the rural Mississippi River Delta region of eastern Arkansas. The ARCHP is part of Children's Health Fund's Medical Home and Transportation Initiatives; the Medical Home Initiative addresses the special needs of poor, medically underserved children and families living in some of the most disadvantaged areas of the country, and the Transportation Initiative enhances access to transportation to medical appointments for patients living in areas with deficiencies in public transportation.

Bringing consistent, high quality medical services to isolated communities and providing care without regard to ability to pay, the ARCHP helps to overcome persistent



barriers to health care in the region: geographic isolation, lack of transportation, lack of insurance and lack of financial resources. For many, the ARCHP is the sole medical care provider. The majority of the children living in this region are under-immunized and receives little or no preventive health care. Childhood obesity is a growing concern, as is the increase in number of children with asthma, iron deficiency anemia and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

Serving Communities in Need

The target population for the ARCHP is patients 0-21 years of age, and the demographic breakdown is as follows: 55% African American, 43% Caucasian, 2.8% Hispanic, 0.4% Asian and 0.2% Native American. Sixty-five percent of the families served by the program lack any type of health insurance, and only 5% have private health insurance; 30% have Medicaid or Medicare.

Available Services

- Comprehensive primary care, including well child examinations;
- Immunizations;
- Diagnostic testing;
- Health & nutrition education;
- STD screening, treatment and referrals;
- Mental health services, including counseling and therapy; and
- Referrals to substance abuse programs, prevention programs and family planning clinics.

Program Sites

Medical services are provided on Mobile Medical Clinics in three counties of rural Eastern Arkansas. Three school districts are served at a total of 16 sites; locations are visited on a regular basis, ranging from weekly to 2-3 times a month. In St. Francis County, the ARCHP visits Hughes High School, Forrest City Middle School, the Boys and Girls Club of St. Francis County, Madison City Hall, and Palestine City Hall; in Lee County, Lee Senior High School, Anna Strong Middle School, Whitten Elementary School, the Foster-Collier-Gordon Housing Project, and the Lee County HIPYP Program; and in Phillips County, Helena High School and Helena Middle School, the town of Lakeview and the Boys and Girls Club of Phillips County.

PROGRAM FACTS

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Lee County Cooperative Clinic;
University of Arkansas for
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Year Established:

September 1998

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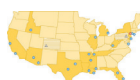
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