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Baton Rouge Children's Health Project



The Baton Rouge Children's Health Project (BRCHP) was initially created as a response to the urgent pediatric health care needs in the aftermath of Hurricanes' Katrina and Rita. The BRCHP now provides critically needed medical and mental health services to underserved children and families in the Baton Rouge area. BRCHP provides comprehensive and continuous care employing the medical home model, providing mental health services, case management, and disease prevention education. Referrals for sub-specialty and inpatient care are arranged as needed.

BRCHP's work has transitioned from disaster-related medical care to ongoing primary care. Services are provided on a Mobile Medical Clinic (MMC), which includes two examination rooms, a nurse's station, and waiting and registration areas. A team of dedicated clinical professionals are assigned to the MMC, providing care to sites on a regular schedule.

BRCHP also provides Mental Health services through their Behavioral Health and Resiliency Clinic (BHRC). A variety of mental health services are provided on the BHRC, a custom-



designed mobile mental health clinic. The goals of the BHRC are to assist children and families with their immediate mental health needs, provide psycho-social services, and foster resilience and coping skills. The BHRC also works closely with the schools providing psychoeducational testing in collaboration with Pupil Appraisal to help direct appropriate classroom interventions for children with learning and behavioral problems which impact learning.

Serving Communities in Need

The target population for this project is medically underserved children ages 0-24 years; this includes the uninsured, the underinsured, and those families who have limited or no access to a pediatrician. The current demographic breakdown for BRCHP patients is approximately 95% African American and approximately 5% Caucasian, Multiracial, or Latino. Between 85-90% of BRCHP's patients have Medicaid, less than 10% are uninsured, and less than 5% have private health insurance.

Available Services

- Comprehensive medical care, including physical examinations and immunizations;
- Management of acute and chronic illnesses;
- Family planning;
- Patient education and community outreach;
- Mental health assessments;
- Psychoeducational testing and treatment;
- Family, individual and group counseling;
- Case management and Mental Health education; and
- Referrals to subspecialty care.

Program Sites

In its MMC and BHRC, specially trained staff brings services to schools and other communities that lack access to health care in Baton Rouge. Current service sites include Wedgewood Elementary School, Ryan Elementary School, Progress Elementary School, Delmont Elementary School, Merrydale Elementary School, and Scotlandville Magnet High School.

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