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West Virginia Children's Health Project



The West Virginia Children's Health Project (WVCHP) provides comprehensive primary care to children and adolescents living in rural and somewhat isolated areas of southwestern West Virginia. Access to health care is a problem for these families due to lack of financial resources and transportation. The WVCHP overcomes many of these barriers by providing services to these families out of their Mobile Medical Clinic at weekly clinics conducted at school sites across three counties. A new mobile medical clinic, delivered in 2011, is the first "green" vehicle in CHF's fleet, focusing on energy efficiency, indoor environment quality, water conservation and sustainable materials.

Serving Communities in Need

The majority of the patients are Caucasian families (97%); 70% are pediatric (0-11) and 30% are adolescent (12- 18). The majority of the children (98%) are insured through Medicaid and SCHIP, and few have private insurance. Many of the families struggle with chronic disease such as asthma and others associated with poor nutrition. Obesity is a major problem that results in cardiovascular disease at all ages, compounded by early tobacco use in many families. Another dilemma is the low priority many of the families are able to give to dental and mental health services because of their lack of availability.



PROGRAM FACTS

Home Institution/Affiliation:

Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University

Year Established:

January 1992

Electronic Health Records

Implemented: 2000

STAFF

Medical Director:

Isabel Pino, MD

Driver/Registrar/Penchart

System Administrator:

Paul Gram

Available Services

- Comprehensive primary care, including physical examinations and immunizations;
- Management of acute and chronic illnesses;
- Screenings, including vision and hearing testing;
- Laboratory tests;
- Referrals to sub-specialty care and dental care;
- Health and nutrition education; and
- Case management services, including referrals to community & social services and mental health services.

Program Sites

The West Virginia CHP provides pediatric care to patients during weekly clinics at school sites throughout Wayne, Lincoln and Cabell counties in the southwestern region of West Virginia. These school clinic sites are comprised of East Lynn Elementary School, Wayne Elementary School, Crum Elementary and Middle Schools, Tolsia High School, Ft. Gay Elementary and Middle Schools, Ranger Elementary School, Salt Rock Elementary School, Central City Elementary School, and Spring Hill Elementary School.



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