



Children's Health Fund

National Programs

26 programs in 16 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico



FLINT Children's Health Project (FCHP)

PROGRAM FACTS

In January 2016, President Obama declared a federal state of emergency to assist Flint in addressing the lead exposure crisis. Exposed children are at risk of developmental delay, increased hyperactivity, and cognitive problems. For adults, the consequences include profound stress, worry, depression, guilt, feelings of betrayal, and an eroded trust in public officials and institutions. Disasters in other communities have shown the importance of resilience, which is the ability to return to self-sufficiency and sustain relatively stable psychological and physical functioning after a traumatic event.

The Flint Children's Health Project (FCHP) was designed in the wake of the Flint water crisis to increase access to lead testing, to create connections to comprehensive medical home services, and to provide health education. The FCHP is accomplishing this through the use of a mobile medical clinic (MMC), increasing the team's reach into isolated areas of the community. Using the CHF Community Support and Resiliency Unit (CSRU), Genesee Community Health Center, the Federally Qualified Health Center operated in partnership with Genesee Health System (GHS), continues to provide case management, enhanced community outreach services, community programming and trauma-informed cognitive behavioral therapy to individuals, groups and families. Given the increased risk children in Flint currently face due to the lead exposure, counseling on the importance of good nutrition, early intervention, and ongoing developmental screening and preventative services are especially important.



Additionally, GHS is the identified provider organization for the recent Medicaid Waiver expansion to provide targeted case management for individuals under age 21 impacted by the lead exposure. Maximizing this opportunity for Flint families requires extensive outreach to the community and coordination among numerous community

organizations, which this program will be integral in supporting. Currently, the CSRU are being deployed at multiple Flint community schools, community events, health fairs and water and food distribution sites around Flint.

Available Services

- Mental health counseling
- Case management
- Health and nutrition education

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