



Health Safety Net Services

Safety net services are a network of health centers that provide a comprehensive medical home to low-income, under or uninsured individuals and families.

Medical services at most locations include: immunizations, annual health exams, management of acute and chronic health problems, mental health services, full diagnostic and laboratory testing, pharmacy and social services. Most sites offer comprehensive prenatal, pediatric, adolescent, adult and geriatric health care services. Some have bilingual staff to address the increasing Hispanic population in our area.

The following health centers treat illnesses before they become emergency room visits and provide services in areas where there are shortages of doctors and dentists.

The Greater Cincinnati Foundation has recently reviewed the following organizations.

Crossroad Health Center

Crossroad Health Center opened in 1992 in Over-the-Rhine. It tailors its programs to meet the needs of the low-income families who reside in a neighborhood where 65% of patients are under or uninsured African Americans.

www.crossroadhc.org

The HealthCare Connection (HCC)

HCC, formerly Lincoln Heights Health Care Connection, opened in 1967 as the first Federally Qualified Health Center in Ohio.

www.lhhcc.org

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What can you do?

This is a small sample of safety net service organizations GCF has recently supported. If you would like to contribute to one or more of these organizations or want more information please contact a member of our Giving Strategies Group at (513) 241-2880.



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HealthPoint Family Care (HPFC)

HPFC, founded in 1971, provides primary medical and dental care in Northern Kentucky. HPFC operates seven primary-care medical offices, two dental offices, a clinic for the homeless and six school-based health care centers. It is the only primary health care provider in an eight-county region of Northern Kentucky that offers subsidized health care to low-income families. The mobile dental care office takes dentists to children at their schools. In 2006, HPFC treated approximately 33,700 patients of whom 28% were uninsured.

www.healthpointfc.org

Neighborhood Health Care, Inc. (NHC)

NHC has provided health care and services to the Mt. Auburn, East End, Walnut Hills, Avondale and Evanston communities and children in school-based sites since 1971. NHC operates seven clinical sites. In 2007, it served approximately 21,000 patients of which 41% live below poverty level.

www.neighborhoodhealthcareinc.org

Winton Hills Medical and Health Center (WHMHC)

WHMHC is located in Winton Hills, where 97 percent of the population live below poverty level and have cultural and/or language barriers to medical care services. Annually, more than 4,000 patients receive medical and mental health care from WHMHC. A partnership with several Cincinnati Public Schools and St. Bernard–Elmwood Place Schools allows children to receive physicals, immunizations, and screening/treatment for chronic conditions, services they would not receive otherwise.

www.winmedinc.org

West End Health Center (WEHC)

WEHC, established in 1969, plays a significant role in the lives of residents in the West End, Over-the-Rhine, Price Hill, Mt. Auburn, Westwood and surrounding neighborhoods. More than 85% of residents in the West End live at or below the federal standard of poverty. WEHC serves 4,500 patients each year.

www.wehc.org

St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Charitable Pharmacies

With locations at SVDP sites in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, SVDP Charitable Pharmacies are the only pharmacies in southeast Ohio and Northern Kentucky dedicated to providing free medication and pharmaceutical care to people in need. Those helped include the homeless, people who have lost their jobs and the working poor who cannot afford prescription insurance or pharmacy co-payments. The pharmacies have a comprehensive number of generic drugs and physician samples, however if a prescription cannot be filled, SVDP has access to drug assistance programs that may be used to obtain free medication. In its first full year of operation, Cincinnati's SVDP Pharmacy cared for 467 people and dispensed a total of 4,521 prescriptions with a retail value of approximately \$381,500. The Northern Kentucky site has been operating for five years, serving 2,300 patients, and dispensing more than 123,000 prescriptions with a retail value of more than \$7.7 million.

www.svdpcincinnati.org

Healthy Beginnings (HB)

HB is one of the only nonprofit medical ministries in the U.S. that provides care to pregnant women regardless of insurance or ability to pay. Patients receive early pregnancy care in one of seven facilities: Clifton, Western Hills, Over-the-Rhine, Forest Park, North College Hill, Eastgate, and Northern Kentucky. HB addresses the problem of high infant mortality rates and low birth weights by providing early prenatal care to more than 800 under or uninsured women each year. Over two-thirds of the organization's patients have pregnancies classified as high-risk by the State of Ohio. Eighty-five percent of these patients are uninsured at the time of their first visit and would not receive early pregnancy care if HB's services were not available.

www.healthybeginnings.org

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