

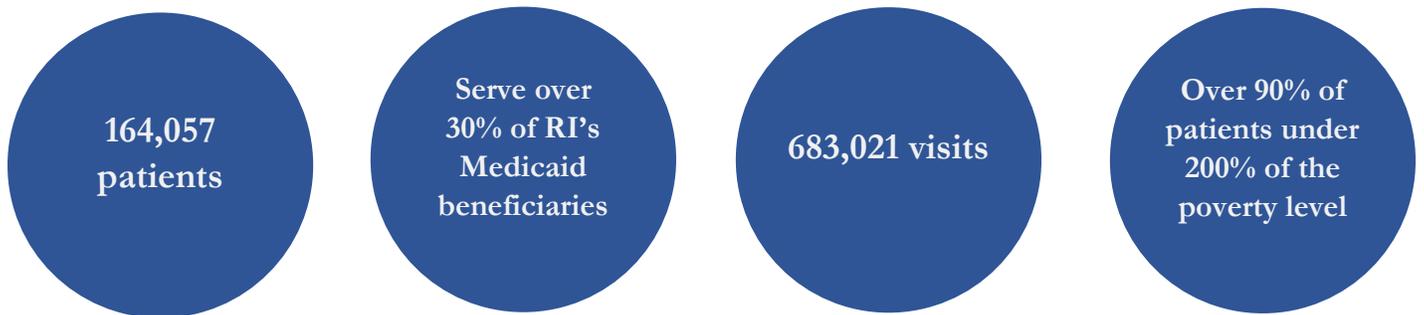


# Rhode Island's Community Health Centers



## 2016 Facts and Figures

**Community health centers** are non-profit, safety-net primary care providers that serve patient populations who face financial, geographic, language, and cultural barriers while accessing health care services. With 8 federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) across 33 primary medical, dental, and behavioral sites throughout Rhode Island, they are able to provide such care. The community health centers in Rhode Island have a long history of providing high-quality, low-cost primary medical, dental and behavioral health care to Rhode Islanders.



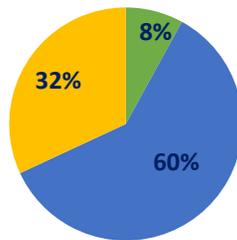
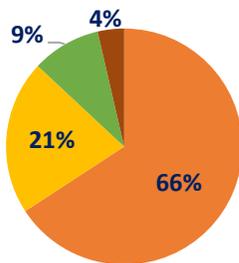
### Impact on Rhode Island Communities

Together, the community health centers are one of the largest networks of primary, behavioral and oral health care providers in the state. Rhode Island's FQHCs serve a unique role in the health care delivery system within the state. Rhode Island has no county government, no municipal health departments, and no public hospitals; the FQHCs serve as the public primary care delivery system in the state. They provide primary care for over one-third of the state's Medicaid beneficiaries, about 94,000 Rhode Islanders in 2016. In addition, the FQHCs also cared for more than 18,000 uninsured patients during that time, offering ability to pay for health care on a sliding scale based on income. In 2016, community health centers provided over \$9.2 million in discounted and free services to patients.

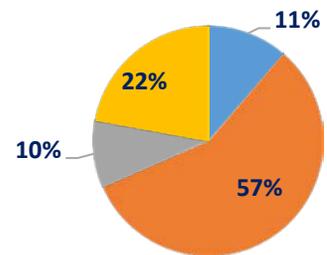
### Patients by Age

■ Adults 65+ ■ Adults 20-64 ■ Children

#### Visits by Type



#### Insurance Source



■ Medical ■ Dental  
■ Mental Health ■ Enabling/Vision/Other

■ Uninsured ■ Medicaid ■ Medicare ■ Private

## Impact on Rhode Island Economy

Rhode Island's community health centers have a positive impact on the health care system, generating an estimated annual savings of over \$207 million in 2016.<sup>1</sup> They also contribute to the local economy through employment, tax revenues, and purchases of goods and services. The state's RI's FQHCs employ:

- Over 195 medical and dental providers (doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurse midwives and dentists).<sup>2</sup>
- 1,400 staff members, including providers, medical assistants, case managers, dental hygienists and other staff necessary to serve our 164,057 patients.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>NACHC. *Community Health Centers: The Local Prescription for Better Quality and Lower Costs*. <http://www.nachc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/LocalPrescriptionBrief.pdf>, March 2011.

<sup>2</sup>Staff numbers are for full-time-equivalents, or FTEs; actual number of people employed is higher, as staff members may be part-time.

## Innovators in Integrated Care

Rhode Island's community health centers are innovators to meet needs identified by their communities, developing new ideas into meaningful programs and services. The demand for primary medical, dental, and behavioral health care has increased dramatically in recent years. Each FQHC provides dental services, serving 55,104 dental patients in 144,542 visits in 2016. The FQHCs also continue to invest in behavioral health services, serving 11,467 patients in 64,467 visits. RI's FQHCs have been innovative in their efforts to meet growing needs for this broad range of services in order to best serve their patients. They have renovated their space, provided more access points for care, and are constantly adjusting to meet their patients' unique needs.

## Health Center Funding

Community health centers, like all medical offices, receive payment for healthcare provided to their privately and publicly insured patients. They also serve everyone regardless of ability to pay or insurance status. In 2016, the FQHCs received approximately \$25.5 million from federal health center grants used to support care for that is provided to uninsured patients. These grants do not fully cover the costs for providing this care. This federal funding is facing a cliff, and without action from Congress, the funding is set to expire. This means that health centers will face an immediate 70% cut in their funding. The impact of this funding cliff on Rhode Island would mean more than a \$17 million cut to its health centers, the loss of dozens of healthcare jobs, and loss of funding to care for thousands of our patients.

## Rhode Island's Community Health Centers

### **Blackstone Valley Community Health Care, Inc.**

Central Falls, Pawtucket

### **Block Island Health Services**

Block Island

### **Comprehensive Community Action Program**

Coventry, Cranston and Warwick

### **East Bay Community Action Program**

East Providence, Newport

### **Providence Community Health Centers, Inc.**

Locations throughout Providence

### **The Providence Center**

Cranston, Pawtucket, Providence, Wakefield, Warwick, Wyoming

### **Thundermist Health Center**

Wakefield, West Warwick and Woonsocket

### **Tri-Town Community Action Agency**

Johnston, North Providence

### **WellOne Primary Medical and Dental Care**

Foster, North Kingstown, Pascoag and Scituate

### **Wood River Health Services**

Hope Valley