



Partnerships to Increase Immunization Access

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THE NACHC MISSION

America's Voice for Community Health Care

The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) was founded in 1971 to promote efficient, high quality, comprehensive health care that is accessible, culturally and linguistically competent, community directed, and patient centered for all.





AMERICA'S HEALTH CENTERS

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Community Health Centers are nonprofit, **patient-governed** organizations that provide high-quality, **comprehensive primary health care** to America's **medically underserved communities**, serving **all patients** regardless of income or insurance status.

Nearly 1,500 Community Health Center grantees and Look-Alikes provided care at over 16,000 locations across the country in 2023.

In 2023, health centers served a record-breaking number of patients!

Nearly **32.5M** patients
meaning that **1 in 10 people** are health center patients



COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS IMPACT ON COMPREHENSIVE PRIMARY CARE

By expanding equity and access to comprehensive primary care, unnecessary emergency room visits are reduced.

HEALTH CENTERS EXPAND ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE PRIMARY CARE	
103K medical professionals	27.6 million medical patients
20K dental health professionals	6.5 million dental health patients
21K behavioral health specialists	3.2 million behavioral health patients
30K enabling services professionals	2.6 million patients accessing enabling services
310K total employees	137 million total patient visits

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NACHC IMMUNIZATION INITIATIVES 2024

Risk Less Do More Campaign

- HHS-sponsored campaign with funding
- October 2024-2025
- Impact:
 - Direct= 2 states, 4 health centers
 - Indirect=all CHCs in all states

COVID-19 Vaccine Access Initiative

- Partnership with Direct Relief and Association of Immunization Managers
- October 2024, ongoing
- Impact: all CHCs

RISK LESS, DO MORE CAMPAIGN



PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS



Community Health Centers:

Central Mississippi Health Services
(part of CHC Association of Mississippi):
Jackson, MS

El Rio Health: Tucson, AZ

Mariposa Community Health Center:
Nogales, AZ

Southeast Mississippi Rural Health Initiative, Inc. (SEMRHI): across Mississippi



Primary Care Associations:

Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers

Texas Association of Community Health Centers



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NACHC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER PARTICIPATION



As a trusted partner of the *Risk Less. Do More.* Pan Respiratory Virus (PRV) Public Education Campaign (PEC), NACHC primarily worked with four community health centers (CHCs) and three Primary Care Associations (PCAs) to promote the campaign and administer vaccines at a variety of events. NACHC also used its platform, both virtually and in-person (conference) to promote vaccination.



As a result of our partnership with the campaign, 1669 people attended in-person events (with 485 individuals receiving vaccines) and over 120,000 people were reached through media combined efforts.

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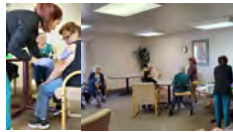
VACCINATION CLINICS

Total: 25 vaccine clinics

- **Mariposa Community Health Center** in Arizona held weekly (10) vaccination clinics, increasing access to influenza, COVID and RSV immunizations focusing on age 65+ and their caregivers.
- **El Rio in Arizona and Central Mississippi Health Services & SEMRHI** in Mississippi held 15 health fairs/events or partnered with community partners to provide health information and vaccination services.
- **Highlights and successes** include vaccination, access to other health screenings and services, and an increase of exposure to pro-vaccination messaging, especially for the elderly and their caregivers.



Displays of RLDIM promotional materials at El Rio Community Health Center. (Tucson, AZ)



Photos from an in-person vaccination event at Mariposa Community Health Center. (Nogales, AZ)



Vaccine clinic at Madonna Manor Senior Center. (Central Mississippi)



SWAC Championships Community event, offering vaccines. (Central Mississippi)

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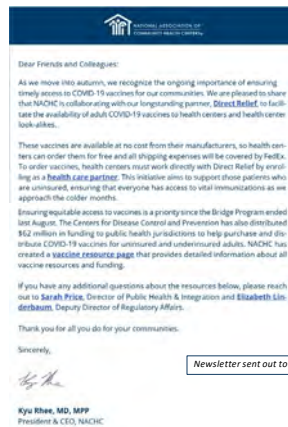
COVID-19 Vaccine Access Initiative



Step 1:



Communication Initiative to guide health centers in accessing free COVID-19 vaccine for their uninsured patients



Newsletter sent out to all CHCs November 12, 2024

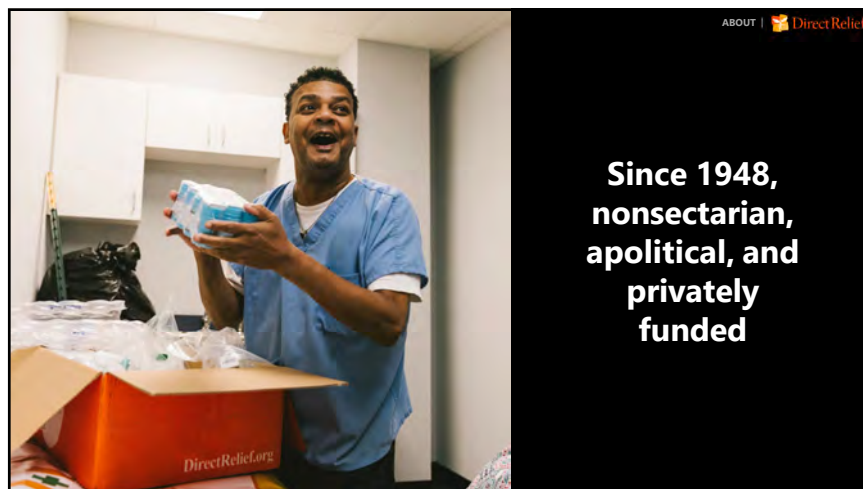
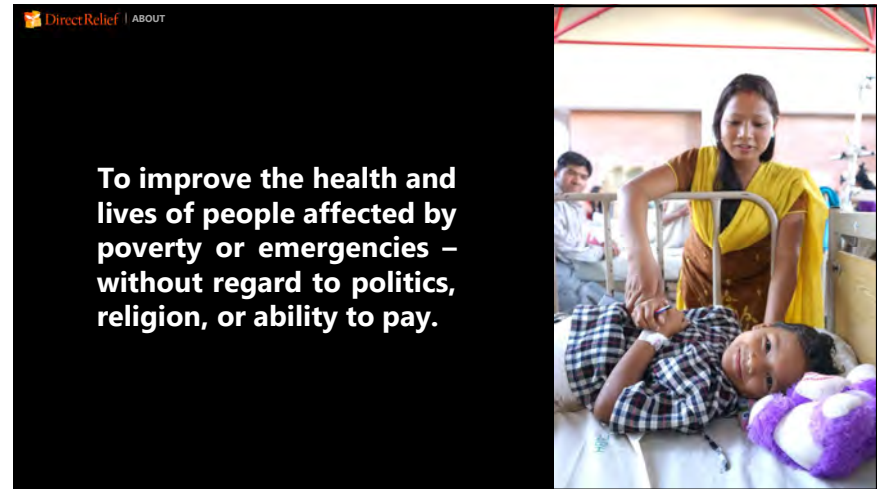
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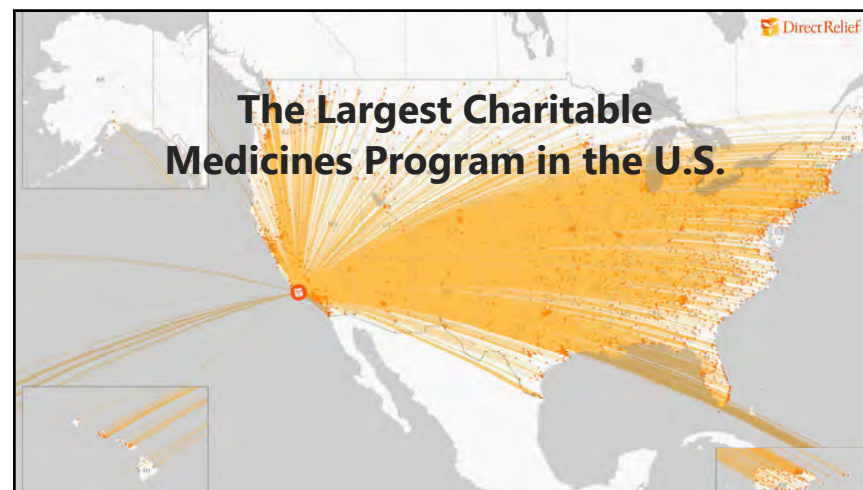


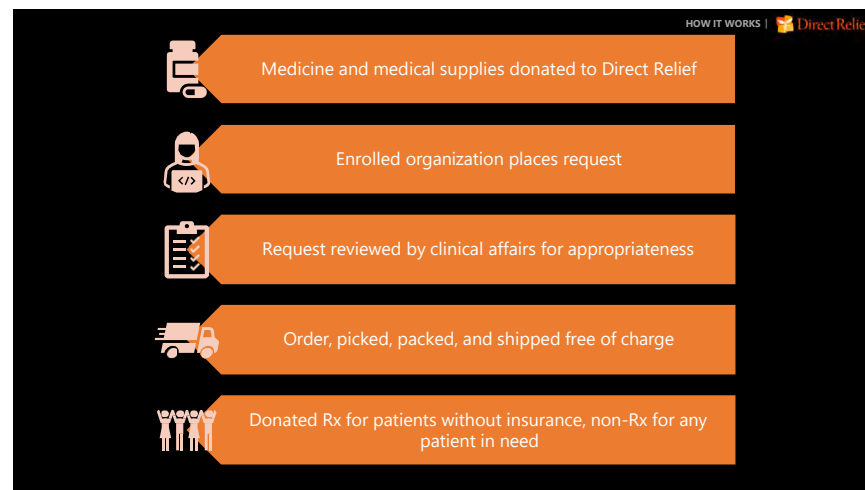
Connect supply with demand

<https://www.directrelief.org/partnership/national-association-of-community-health-centers/>









ELIGIBILITY

- Have federal 501(c)(3) non-profit tax-exempt status or be a public health department
- Dispense donated products to patients within the United States
- Dispense donated product to uninsured patients at no-cost
- Have a Medical Director (a physician or pharmacist) with a valid state license
- Comply with all State Board of Pharmacy regulations in storing and dispensing medications
- Can safely receive and store refrigerated products
- Prioritize clinical services

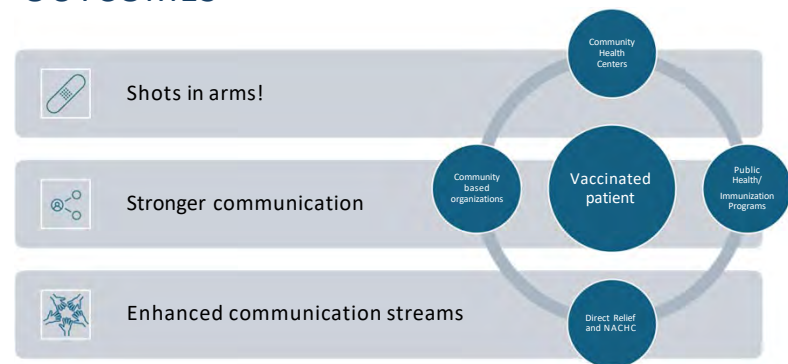


EXPANDING ACCESS TO COVID-19 VACCINE

- BRIDGE program ended in August 2024
- Longtime partnership with Pfizer and Moderna
- Storage capability: 9,000 square feet of cold space
- NACHC notification – lots of interest!
- Results
 - 29,000 doses of vaccine
 - 240 organizations
- Other support: 17,700 flu vaccines and 7,500 doses of antiviral medications



OUTCOMES



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