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## AT THE POINT OF CARE: CURRENT CONVERSATIONS WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

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### About NACHC

**Mission:** To champion Community Health Centers delivering affordable, effective, comprehensive primary care that is community-driven and improves health for all.

**Vision:** Healthy and thriving communities where everyone receives exceptional primary care.



#### NACHC's Strategic Priorities

Employer of Choice	Partner of Choice
1. Improve the Workforce Team & Experience	7. Build Resilience through Sustainable Funding
2. Enhance Workforce Pathways	8. Leverage the Power of Advocacy and Education
3. Wield the Power of New Technology	9. Champion an Integrated Approach to TechQuity
	10. Enhance the Member Experience

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#### Provider of Choice

4. Advance Excellence in Primary Care Quality
5. Build Awareness of Health Centers as the Best Option for Primary Care
6. Advance and Promote Health Center Innovation

#### TOOLS FOR INNOVATION



Science



Education



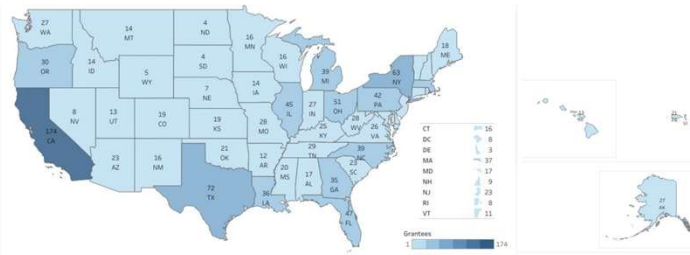
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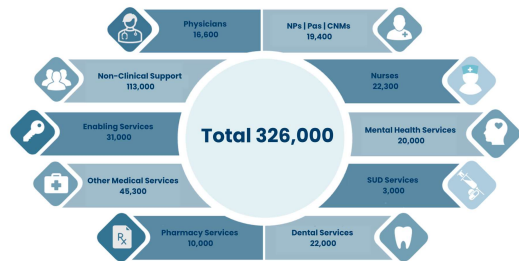
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**1500+ CHCs and Growing**

- ▶ Present in all 50 states and DC, as well as the US-Affiliated Pacific Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands
- ▶ Serving 52 million patients — up to 1 in 7 people nationally and 1 in 3 in rural areas, CHCs are also at 17,000+ service sites in the U.S, totaling a workforce of 330,000+



Notes: National figure includes health centers in every state and territory. Some territories are not shown in the map above.  
 Source: 2022 Uniform Data System, Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, DHHS.



**500,000+**  
 direct and indirect jobs

**Nearly \$85B**  
 in economic output

**More than \$37B**  
 in labor income

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## May 11<sup>th</sup> Clinical Practice Committee Convening Vaccines: Key Discussion Points



Biggest hurdles surrounding  
 vaccine guidelines

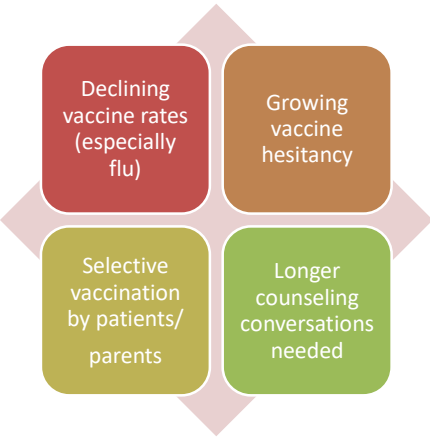


Changes in vaccine  
 approaches



Shifts in patient interactions  
 regarding vaccination

# Key Challenges



## Challenges: State Insights

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**South Carolina:**  
Flu vaccination rates critically low

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**Georgia:**  
Decline in 2-year-old vaccine completion; Challenges completing second flu doses

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**New York:**  
Decline in clinician confidence

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**Connecticut:**  
Already had to move most adult vaccines outside the clinical space to save on costs; access and now trust are a combo barrier

## Strategies to Combat Challenges



Stable guidelines support consistency



Senior clinicians mentoring on hesitancy



Standardized EMR language for shared decision-making



HPV messaging tied to cancer prevention



Increased senior uptake due to link to cognitive function

## Operational Strategies



Clinician roundtables to align on guidance



Education on federal/state/local updates



Evidence-based communication strategies






Nursing staff supporting extended discussions

**Innovative Approaches**

- Parent declination forms
- Home visits for vaccination
- Expanded roles for outreach staff
- Focused efforts on under-2 population

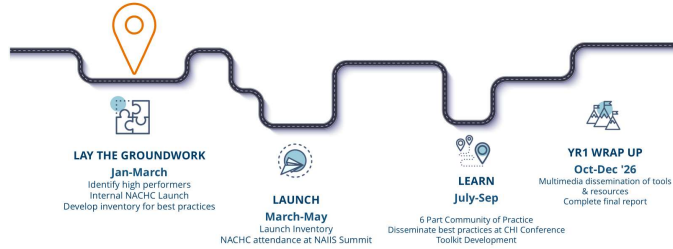
**Financial Considerations**

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Importance of cost reporting timeline
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Monitoring program sustainability
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Aligning reimbursement with delivery

## Next Steps

- ❑ NACHC is convening two more exploratory conversations with:
  - ❑ Pharmacy Subcommittee
  - ❑ Healthy Children Subcommittee
  
- ❑ Funded Project Work on Strengthening Community Health Center Family Vaccination; starting with insights from highest performers

### Project Roadmap: Year 1



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