Clinic Overview

Community-University Health Care Center (CUHCC) opened its doors in 1966 to provide primary care services to children and low income families in South Minneapolis. Governed by a community board with strong consumer representation (51 percent), the clinic is well regarded for its expertise in providing medical, dental and mental health care to immigrants, people of color and those without health care insurance.

Mission

To advance the well-being of people experiencing health care disparities.

Total clients served in 2006: 9,241

Services

- **Medical Clinic** provides adult and pediatric preventive and acute care medical services and has several initiatives that promote women’s and children’s health.
- **Dental Clinic** provides preventive and restorative dental services to both adults and children, and emphasizes children’s services and special adult populations (such as pregnant women and adults with diabetes).
- **Mental Health and Social Services Clinic** provides an array of outpatient services for adults, children and families with tailored programming to reach underserved communities.
- Lawyers at the on-site pro bono legal clinic sponsored by the firm of Leonard, Street and Deinard. Lawyers provide over 4,000 hours of pro-bono service annually.
- The Reach Out and Read Program provides children with high quality, developmentally appropriate books when they attend clinic appointments.
Partnerships and Initiatives

- CUHCC partners with Centro de Salud, a Latino clinic providing prenatal and pediatric care and family counseling, to provide a portable pediatric dental clinic for Latino patients.
- CUHCC has several outreach clinics to reach youth and adults who have limited access to health care, including Youthlink, Plymouth Youth Center, Phillips Neighborhood Clinic and American Indian OIC.

Patient Demographics

- 93% of CUHCC’s patients lived below 200% of poverty in 2004.
- 44% of adults are unemployed; only 23% are employed full-time.
- An estimated 45% of patients have no or extremely limited English proficiency.
- 13% of patients are uninsured, 77% are on public assistance, 6% receive Medicare, and only 10% have private insurance.