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 provide accessible, acceptable, culturally appropriate, affordable, high quality, non judgmental care.

Total clients served in 2003

9,107 (Adults: 5,828  Children: 3,279)

Services

- Medical Division provides adult and pediatric preventive and acute care medical services and has several initiatives that promote women’s and children’s health. 5,489 patients made 36,567 visits in 2003.
- Dental Division provides dental services to both adults and children, and emphasizes children’s services. 3,276 patients made 9,368 visits in 2003.
- Mental Health Division provides an array of services for adults, children and families in addition to specialized programs to reach underserved groups. 2,407 patients had 29,043 visits in 2003.
On-site pro bono legal clinic sponsored by the firm of Leonard, Street and Deinard. Lawyers provided over 4,000 hours of pro-bono service in 2003.

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 partners with Fremont Community Health Services, Cedar/Riverside People’s Center and Southside Community Health Services to provide mental health services at these neighborhood based clinics.

**Patient Demographics**

- 75 percent of patients have annual household incomes under $20,000.
- 39 percent of adults are unemployed; only 22 percent are employed full-time.
- An estimated 41 percent have no or extremely limited English proficiency.
- Almost 10 percent of patients are uninsured, 71 percent are on public assistance, 6 percent receive Medicare, and 13 percent have private insurance.