WELCOME!

"Collaboration: Strengthening the Safety Net"
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WHO ARE WE? - TITLES

- DENTAL DIRECTORS
- DENTISTS
- DENTAL HYGIENISTS
- CHC ADMINISTRATORS
- PCA’S
- FEDS/ IHS & TRIBAL/ MILITARY
- STATE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
- ORGANIZED DENTISTRY
- DENTAL INDUSTRY
WHO ARE WE? - NUMBERS 2011 UDS

- Number of Health Centers - 1,128
- Number of Health Centers with dental - 862/1,128 = 77%
- Total CHC Users- 20.2 million
- Number of medical users- 17.3 million
- Number of dental users- 4 million (23%)
WHO ARE WE? - NUMBERS

Productivity – 2011 UDS

- 3,096 DDS FTE
- 1,285 RDH FTE
- 2682 encounter/FTE DDS
- 1314 encounters/FTE RDH
WHO ARE WE? - NUMBERS

Productivity – 2011 UDS

• Total CHC visits – 80,027,696
• Total Dental visits - 9,991,320 (12.5%)
• 4,037,384 Dental users
• 2.47 visits/Dental user annually
• Demographics of dental patients not collected in UDS
  ▪ 205,222 had emergency visit
  ▪ 292,656 had sealants
  ▪ 811,947 had extraction
WHO ARE WE? - OUR PATIENTS

- 0-19- 35%
- 20-64- 58.1%
- 65 & up- 6.9%

- White- 43%
- Black/African-American- 25%
- Hispanic/Latino- 25.6%
WHO ARE WE? - OUR PATIENTS

- 100% and below: 72%
- 101-200%: 21%
- Over 200%: 7%
WHO ARE WE? - OUR HOMES

Health Resources and Services Administration
BUREAU OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE
Location of Health Centers and Clinics
Presidential Initiative Activity Highlighted
With County Population Ranges

Source: Uniform Data System, 2004

National Network for Oral Health Access
El Rio CHC – Tucson, AZ
Family Health Care Network – Vesalia, CA
Salud Clinic – Sterling, CO
Katahdin Valley Health Center — Millinocket, ME
NEMHC – Kirksville, MO
Butte CHC – Butte, MT
Partnership Health Center – Bozeman, MT

![Partnership Health Center Building](image-url)
Crownpoint Indian Health Center – Crownpoint, NM
Delta Dental Philanthropic Fund
– Pierre, SD
Sun Life CHC – Casa Grande, AZ
HealthPoint CHC – Auburn, WA
Hopi Health Care – Polaca, AZ
Yakima Valley Farmworkers Health – Yakima, WA
Mariposa CHC – Nogales, AZ
Valley-Wide Health Systems – Alamosa, CO
Hidalgo Medical Clinic – Lordsburg, NM
Inscription House – Shonto, AZ
CHC of Southcentral Texas – Gonzales, TX
St. Vincent de Paul – Phoenix, AZ
Choptank Community Health Systems - Federalsburg, MD
Erie Family Health Center - Chicago, IL
Penobscott Community Health Care - Bangor, ME
“Being at the Inscription House, which is located about an hour from Kayenta, I am surprised at how this health center has built its own community.
Being someone that has always lived near a city I always wondered if I would feel right at home in a place that is more than 40-50 miles from the nearest town. Could I as a dentist choose to live and work in a place like this? I found that working in a community like this is an actual possibility for me.

I discovered this when I went for a walk with the IHHC dental clinic director, Dr. Samaddar. Talking with her I learned that there is so much beauty in places like Inscription House. What makes the clinic work and makes your home comfortable are the people in these small communities, people that are there because they want to be there to serve and to enjoy learning about others and the environment.”
I finally figured out what I want to do with my life:

I suspected that I would like working in public health, but I had no idea that I would love it.

I am convinced that Community Health Center is a great place for me to begin my dental career, and the perfect opportunity to give back to the community.
Arizona

I was able to treat a four year old boy this week on pediatric day;

He looked back at me with dirt all over his body and torn up jeans and cracked a small smile. I couldn’t help but reflect on this boy’s situation compared to my son’s. His mom explained that he “doesn’t know his daddy” and that she has been on the streets his whole life. Right now they are living at the apartment complex owned by CASS. I took care of his child prophylaxis and gave him a high five and watched him walk back outside.

It was crazy because as I worked on him I just kept seeing my own little boy. In my mind I was worried about where the boy was going to go for food that night? Was he going to be safe? Did he have a bed to sleep in? As he grows would he have the resources to get ahead in life or would he get left behind and end up being like many of the homeless that come through CASS with addictions or other problems?

Even through it all I was very grateful that CASS exists. At least the resources are there for this boy to get the necessary dental work to keep his dental care on par with other children. It’s nice to know that there are people like Dr. Volcheck out there who are working to ensure that everyone gets a fair chance—and that nobody gets left behind, no matter what.

I went home and hugged my son before doing anything else. I hope that I too can be there for someone someday like CASS is for people like that little boy and his mom.
WHO ARE WE? - OUR STORIES

• 10 year old Navajo girl

• Shark tooth
WHO ARE WE?
Each year over 5,000,000 people visit the Grand Canyon.
95% of those visitors arrive in a bus, a train or a car, go to the rim and are appropriately impressed, buy a souvenir and return within 2 ½ hours.
5% of those visitors actually make a trip below the rim.
However, only 1% ever make the effort to go to the river and back and discover that is a pretty spectacular place to be.
WE ARE THE 1%! 

In 2006, of all the professionally active dentists in the United States 1% dedicated their career to serving Health Center patients.
WE ARE

the 1% who are willing to go
where 99% of the dentists
don’t go,
and find out that it is a pretty
spectacular place to be.