

ECHO Community Health Care

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Project Description

ECHO Community Health Care (ECHC) provides services to person who are homeless, uninsured, or underinsured at four sites. The Health Care for the Homeless team consist of a doctor of osteopathy, a family nurse practitioner, registered nurses, social workers, and a social work coordinator/case manager.

Services

ECHC provides comprehensive primary care, minor acute care, case management, basic diagnostic laboratory services, screenings, wellness education, vaccinations and immunizations, pharmacy, diagnostic x-ray, preventive and restorative dental, emergency services, school physicals, Hoosier Healthwise sign-up, Indiana State Dept. of Health, Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention (BCCP) program, Komen Foundation breast health and breast cancer education/screening, and transportation assistance. Specialized team members provide mental health/substance abuse services which are integrated within the HCH primary care setting. ECHO provides case manager RN who coordinates primary care services for high risk inmates following release from the county jail. Health care services are provided at four fixed sites and on a rotating basis at 66 percent of the area shelters. Volunteer physicians, nurses, and adjunct personnel donate time and services to the clinics.

Linkages

For treatment services, ECHC has linkages with Southwestern Indian Mental Health Center (substance abuse, detox/treatment and outpatient mental health services), Evansville Treatment Center (narcotic addiction), and Chrysalis Women's Addiction Services. For shelter services, ECHC has linkages with Salvation Army Booth Manor, Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Services, United Caring Shelter, YWCA, Albion Fellows Bacon Center (victims of domestic violence), Goodwill Family Shelter, ECHO Housing Corporation, Evansville Christian Life Center, Evansville Rescue Mission, Dorthea MacGregor Emergency Shelter, The House of Bread and Peace, CAPE Emergency Shelter, Life Choice, and Ozanam Family Shelters. In addition, the Vanderburgh County Health Dept. provides TB screenings, STD cultures, and HIV testing. Posey and Gibson County linkages include the Council on Aging, the Division of Family and Children Services, the Community Action Program, and the Black Township Trustee. The two local hospitals provide laboratory services and diagnostic x-rays. ECHC works closely with the Evansville Coalition for the Homeless, its parent organization, to boost outreach efforts and ensure continuity of care. Preventive dental services are provided via the University of Southern Indiana School of Dental Hygiene, and restorative/corrective dental work is provided by a network of area dentists who volunteer their services. The University of Southern Indiana School of Nursing provides case management services to county jail inmates. ECHC also has an extensive network of physician specialists who provide services on a sliding scale basis.

Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 3.051 Project users: 3.234

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Project Description

The Homeless Initiative Program (HIP) provides comprehensive primary health care services to men, women, and children who are homeless in Marion County.

Services

The Homeless Initiative Program is a mobile multi-disciplinary team consisting of a family practice physician, two family nurse practitioners, five case managers, four medical assistants, two street outreach workers, two employment specialists, three education specialists, four medical records specialists, a dual recovery coordinator, a mental health counselor, two prenatal care coordinators, and a program director. Services are provided at more than 25 homeless service sites. The medical team provides acute, chronic, and well child medical care. The psychological and social needs of the clients are assessed by the case managers and case plans are then developed. Prenatal care coordination is provided for all pregnant clients and continues until their babies are one year old. Medications and laboratory testing are available at the time of the encounter or through referral. Emergency, routine, and preventive dental care are provided through the IU School of Dentistry and People's Health Center. Transportation is arranged for patients to all referral sources.

Linkages

Patients who are homeless and in need of emergency, subspecialty, or hospital care are referred to Wishard Memorial Hospital. Linkages are in place with Pathway House for residential substance abuse treatment, with Midtown Community Mental Health Center for mental health evaluation and treatment, and with Salvation Army Day Center. The HIP case managers coordinate services through more than 30 different agencies which serve people who are homeless.

Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 48,000 Project users: 3,407

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Project Description

Project Homecoming provides medical, dental, and social services to individuals who are homeless in St. Joseph County. These services are provided with an emphasis on preventive care and education with the goal of homeless patients maintaining a positive health status. Project Homecoming is located within a six-city block area on the south side of South Bend where both sheltered and un-sheltered individuals dwell. All services and center hours are designed to best accommodate the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness.

Services

Medical services include adult, pediatric and women's health, dental services, diagnostic lab tests, pharmaceuticals, prenatal care, maternal delivery, newborn hospital services, wellness care, acute care, Medicaid enrollment, prenatal classes, case management, smoking cessation classes, and social services.

Linkages

Project Homecoming has linkages with the following agencies: Advocacy Center, Dismas House, Dolly's House, Center for the Homeless, Safe Station, Hope Rescue Mission, Life Treatment Center, Broadway Christian Parish, Portage Township Trustee, South Bend Housing Authority, YWCA, BABE Outlets, Big Brother/Big Sister, Boys and Girls Club, Casie Center, Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul, Clay Township Trustee, Forever Learning Center, German Township Trustee, Hannah's House, Minority Health Coalition, and Community Resource Center.

Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 3,000 Project users: 935

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