



Northwest Regional Primary Care Association

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Backgrounder

The Northwest Regional Primary Care Association has served community and migrant health centers in the Pacific Northwest since being established in 1983. NWRPCA is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 membership-driven organization that offers a range of programs and services to support and strengthen C/MHCs in Alaska, Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

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In 2015, Northwest community health centers provided care to over 1.6 million individuals, of whom 90 percent were at or below 200 percent of the poverty level. NWRPCA works to ensure equal access, regardless of one's financial or insurance status, to primary and preventive health care for all residents living in the region. NWRPCA does this through six distinct programs:

Business Intelligence for Region X

- Supports Region X C/MHCs in identifying, collecting, analyzing, and utilizing data to best address goals and help them make business and care delivery decisions

Community Health Improvement

- Works to improve health outcomes in all of the populations Region X health centers serve through three main tactics: improving the patient experience of care (quality and satisfaction); improving the health of populations; reducing the per capita cost of health care

Member Services

- Keep members well connected to each other, to federal partners, and to resources that can benefit them

Partnerships

- Partners support NWRPCA through financial, education, and political or organizational means and help support the effort to make Region X C/MHCs both the providers of choice and the employers of choice in their respective communities

Workforce Development

- Supports and develops the growth of the clinical and administrative workforce at C/MHCs through innovative training, recruitment, and retention strategies.

Education & Training

- The program offers professional development opportunities for community and migrant health center (C/MHC) staff, leadership, and Board Members
- Conferences and stand-alone workshops that cover an array of topics to meet professional development needs, including clinical, financial, operational, and administrative topics
- Access to an on-demand Learning Vault which is an online, extensive central hub that houses training and conference materials