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Community Health Centers: Statewide Economic Impact



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Investments in Washington's community health centers (CHCs) are investments in the economic development of local communities across the state. Not only do CHCs improve the physical well-being of their communities, thereby fostering a healthier local workforce, they also make a significant contribution to the economic vitality and growth of their local towns and families, often in some of the most economically challenged areas of the state.

With January 2014 bringing expanded Medicaid coverage and new insurance options on Washington HealthPlanFinder, CHCs committed early to increasing their capacity to serve the influx of newly insured individuals and families. Together, the *American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009* and the *Affordable Care Act* channeled more than \$55 million in capital funding to Washington CHCs, which made it possible for centers to build new medical and dental clinics and expand existing sites. For example, Neighborcare Health built a new facility in the Rainier Beach community that increased dental, behavioral health, and family support services to people in South Seattle.

Additionally, CHCs hired new staff at all levels and are dedicated to training new generations of primary care practitioners to meet the present and future needs of the populations they serve. In the years ramping up to open enrollment, health centers have added nearly 100 enrollment specialists and In-Person-Assisters to their staff, which has not only improved the employment outlook for communities across the state, but will also help guarantee that low income individuals will gain insurance coverage for the first time.

CHCs maximize state and federal funding to grow jobs and stimulate local economies. In 2011, an economic impact analysis demonstrated that CHCs contributed \$1 billion overall to the Washington State economy by:

- Injecting **\$638 million of operating expenditures** directly into local economies and stimulating **additional indirect and induced economic activity of \$436 million**;
- **Directly generating 5,931 full-time jobs** for people in local communities statewide, including critical entry-level jobs, training, and career-building jobs;
- **Purchasing goods and services directly from local businesses, thereby supporting 3,332 additional jobs in other sectors**, and stimulating the local economy through an infusion of spending;
- Further **stimulating the local economy through the indirect expenditures** in related sectors and the induced expenditures of new household income;
- **Engaging in capital development projects**, often acting as catalysts for significant economic revitalization and boosting tax revenue within their local communities by attracting investment and other businesses; and
- Contributing nearly **\$66 million in total tax revenue**, including \$21 million in state and local taxes and \$45 million in federal taxes.

The graphic on the following page illustrates that the positive economic contributions of CHCs reach all corners of the state. Even in uncertain economic times, Washingtonians in both urban and rural communities have benefited from the investment in community health centers.

- ❖ *All economic impact data represented in dollars are from a Capital Link analysis of 2011 Form 990 reports, the most current year available for all CHCs.*
- ❖ *All jobs numbers and patient population information come from 2012 UDS reports.*

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Interfaith Community Health Center

Clinics: Bellingham, Ferndale, Point Roberts



14k+ annually



\$16.4M injected \$10.1M in operating expenditures into local communities



111

+ **stimulated** additional economic activity of \$6.3M



65% at or below 100% FPL
23% uninsured
55% Medicaid
44% age 19 and under.



Family Health Centers

Clinics: Okanogan, Oroville, Tonasket, Brewster.



12.5k+ annually



\$15.3M injected \$10.1M in operating expenditures into local communities



113

+ **stimulated** additional economic activity of \$5.2M



66% at or below 100% FPL
53% uninsured
31% Medicaid
43% age 19 and under.



Community Health Association of Spokane

Clinics: Greater Spokane area



50k+ annually



\$61.7M injected \$35.1M in operating expenditures into local communities



327

+ **stimulated** additional economic activity of \$26.6M



66% at or below 100% FPL
37% uninsured
42% Medicaid
26% age 19 and under.



Clinics



Patients served



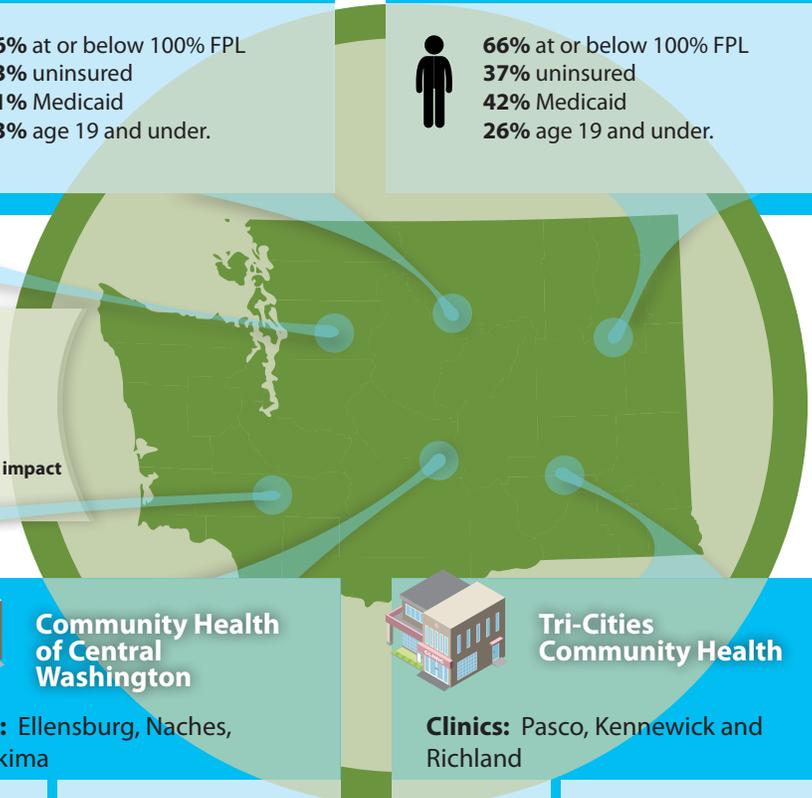
Patient Population



Full time jobs created



Total economic impact



Sea Mar Community Health Centers

Clinics: Western Washington, from Bellingham to Vancouver



146k+ annually



\$204.3M injected \$110.3M in operating expenditures into local communities



1,091

+ **stimulated** additional economic activity of \$94M



75% at or below 100% FPL
38% uninsured
45% Medicaid
36% age 19 and under.



Community Health of Central Washington

Clinics: Ellensburg, Naches, and Yakima



27k+ annually



\$30.5M injected \$20.5M in operating expenditures into local communities



196

+ **stimulated** additional economic activity of \$10M



46% at or below 100% FPL
9% uninsured
41% Medicaid
56% age 19 and under.



Tri-Cities Community Health

Clinics: Pasco, Kennewick and Richland



21k+ annually



\$30M injected \$19.4M in operating expenditures into local communities



190

+ **stimulated** additional economic activity of \$9.6M



84% at or below 100% FPL
39% uninsured
47% Medicaid
39% age 19 and under.