

# Background

"Federally qualified health centers" provide medical, dental and behavioral health services to people regardless of ability to pay.



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Sometimes called "community health centers," they also provide "enabling services," such as transportation, translation and referrals to specialists.

They are recognized and partially funded by the federal government. State governments also provide additional funding.

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Community health centers are located in urban and rural areas across the country.

Nationally in 2011:

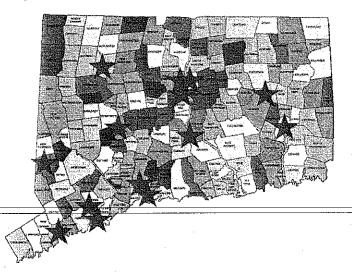
- □ 1128 community health centers (8500 sites)
- □ 20.2 million patients

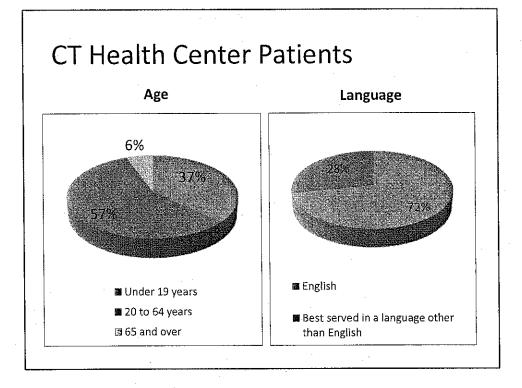
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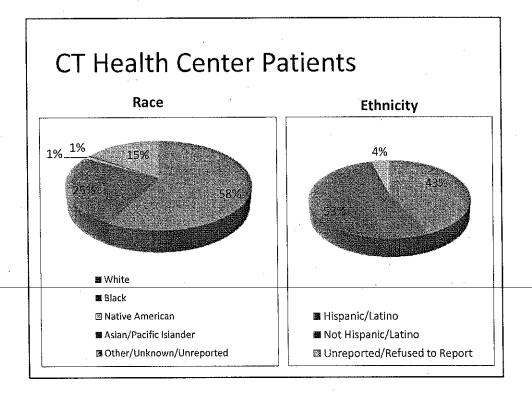
In Connecticut:

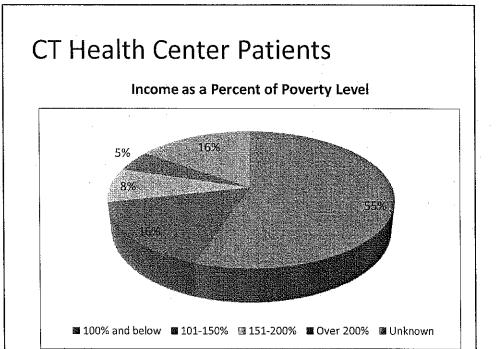
- □ 14 separate community health centers
- □ Over 200 sites
- □ Over 315,000 patients
- □ Over 1.6 million visits

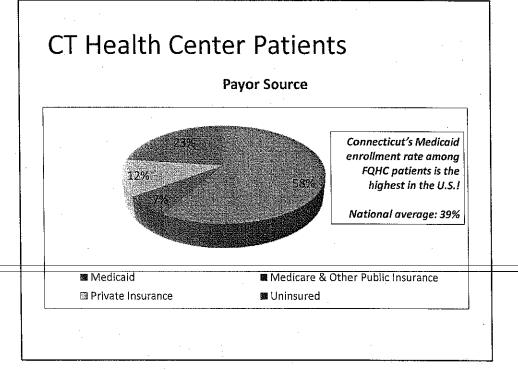
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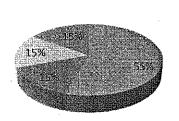






## **CT Health Centers**

#### **Providers**

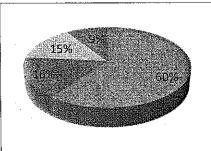


- Medical Providers
- Dental Providers
- Behavioral Health Providers
- Other Providers

- 810 Medical providers
- 221 Dental providers
- 227 Behavioral Health providers
- Total of ~2800 employees statewide!

## **CT Health Center Patients**

#### Visits



- Medical Services
- **■** Dental Services
- Behavioral Health Services
- **■** Other

- 975,801 Medical visits
- 264,616 Dental visits
- 232,523 Behavioral Health visits

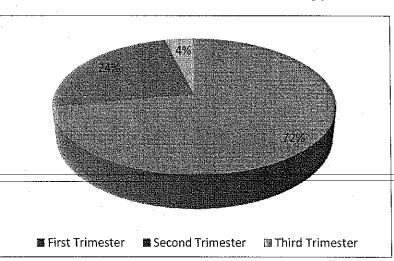
## **CT Health Center Patients**

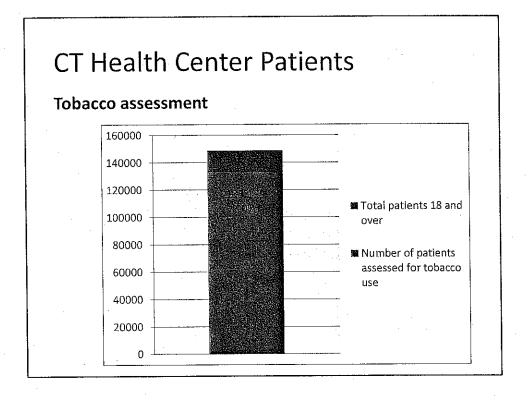
Community health centers are required to report on several clinical measures including:

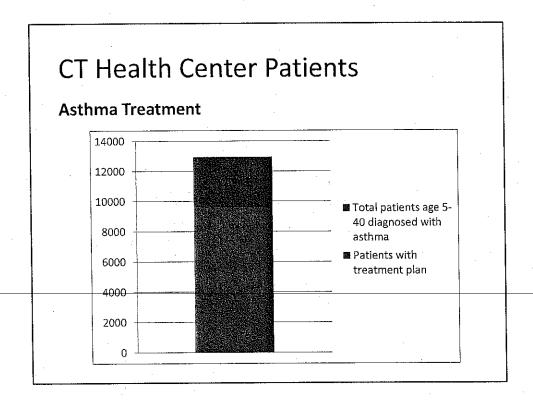
- Trimester of entry into prenatal care
- Childhood immunization
- Cervical cancer screening
- Tobacco assessment and cessation intervention
- · Asthma treatment
- Hypertension
- Diabetes

## CT Health Center Patients

Trimester of first known visit for women receiving prenatal care







## **CHCACT**

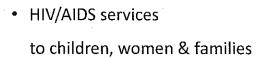


- Every state has a Primary Care

  Association (PCA) that provides training, technical assistance, policy/advocacy, etc for the community health centers.
- The federal government provides funding for the PCAs, which can also run additional programs with other funding.
- The Community Health Center Association of CT is our state's PCA.

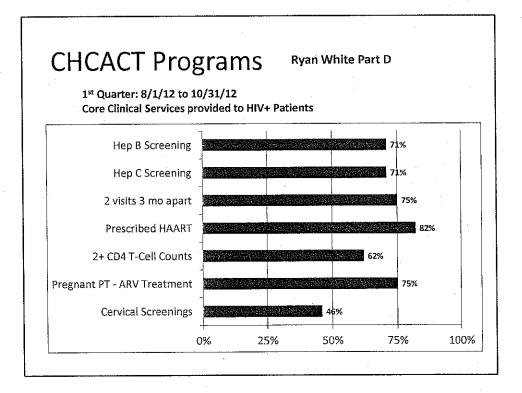
## **CHCACT Programs**

### Ryan White Part D



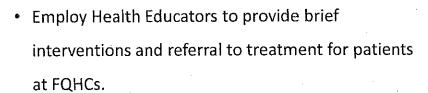


 Core Clinical Performance Measures: Increase % of HIV patients receiving core clinical services



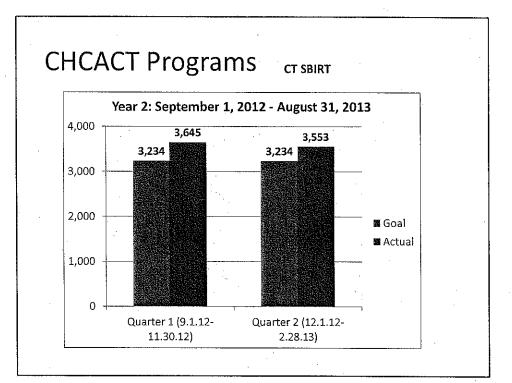
#### **CT SBIRT**

Screening, Brief Intervention &
 Referral to Treatment



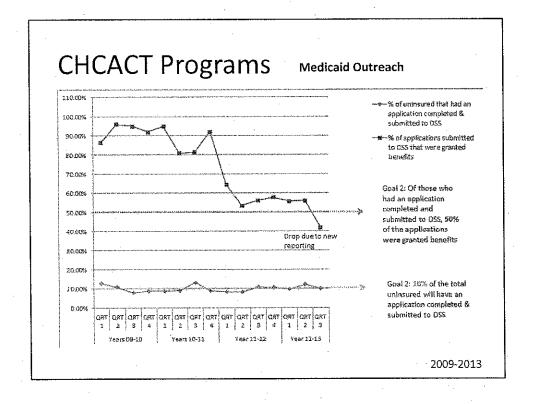
 As of April 8, 2013, CT SBIRT Health Educators have screened 13,649 patients

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#### **Medicaid Outreach**

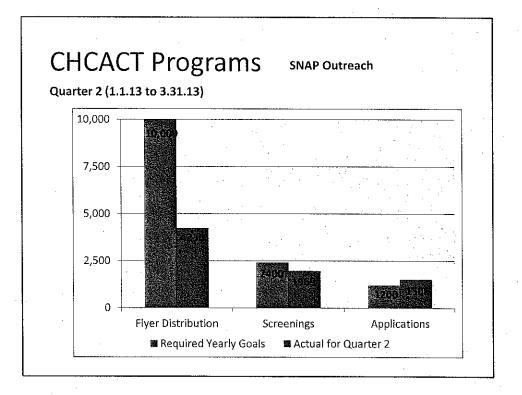
- Support and training for Medicaid outreach & enrollment workers
- Goals:
  - 10% of the total uninsured will have an application completed and submitted to DSS
  - Of those patients who had an application completed and submitted to DSS, 50% of applications will be granted benefits



#### **SNAP Outreach**

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps)
- Enrollment of eligible, but unenrolled Connecticut residents statewide





## **Community HealthCorps**

- AmeriCorps members complete term of service in primary care settings at FQHCs
- Activities:
  - Enroll clients in health center services
  - Generate volunteers
  - Provide health education



#### **Community HealthCorps**

- 100% recruitment and retention rate
- 962 patients enrolled in health center services
- 688 patients provided with health education
- 66 patients provided with interpretation services
- 48 volunteers generated

# **CHCACT Programs**

#### Txt 2B Heard

Text messaging and outreach
 campaign prompting health care
 consumers to share what they want
 from the health care system





Text keyword txt2bheard along with rour comments to 24587

# Method of Responses ☐ Text Messaging Website Postcards Twitter

#### Txt 2B Heard 1.1.13 to 3.31.13



Interview with Michael, health care consumer in Goshen

#### **Emerging Themes:**

- · Quick/longer/more timely appointments
- · Improved customer service: friendlier staff, providers on time
- Patient-centered: doctor should know medical history; medical information available to specialists
- · Empower patients in their health care/well-being

## **CHCACT Programs**

## **Comprehensive Cancer Control Program**

 Provide screenings for breast, cervical, and colon cancer to insured FQHC patients

## **Emergency Preparedness**

TA/training to develop emergency preparedness & response plans

#### Health Center Controlled Network

 Creation of centralized database for performance measurement, meaningful use and PCMH

