

## Providence Community Health Centers

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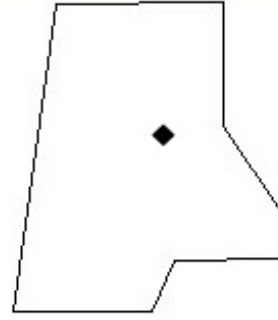
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### Project Description

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Founded in 1968, the Providence Community Health Centers (PCHC) network of community based, school based, and STD sites represents the oldest and largest primary care system in the State of Rhode Island. Its mission is to provide health care access to individuals who are medically underserved. PCHC continues to serve as the first point of health system access and the first line of defense for low income, ethnic minority, immigrants, and uninsured residents of Providence.

**Services**

Providence Community Health Centers Crossroads Rhode Island (CRI) health services program provides primary episodic, medical, dental, and behavioral health services to its homeless clients. These services are provided in a free-standing clinic located within the CRI multi-service center.

**Linkages**

PCHC maintains linkages with area programs that provide case management, crisis intervention, housing and shelter, and vocational services.

**Statistics**

Estimated homeless population: 6,000

## Thundermist Health Center of Woonsocket

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450 Clinton Street

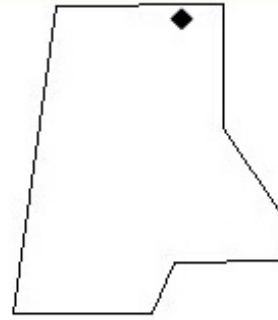
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### **Project Description**

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The Health Care for the Homeless Project of Thundermist Health Center provides health care, case management, educational services, behavioral health/substance abuse counseling, and linkages to mental health and substance abuse agencies for homeless individuals living in northern Rhode Island and south central Massachusetts.

#### **Services**

Direct primary health care is provided by a nurse practitioner in satellite clinics at a local homeless shelter, a shelter serving female survivors of domestic violence and trauma, two substance abuse residential homes, and at the health center. HCH clients may be referred to the health center for prenatal care, WIC, and dental services. Clients have 24-hour access to health center physicians who have full privileges at the local hospital. Substance abuse and mental health screenings are conducted and referrals are made. Education is provided in the areas of health, nutrition, mental health, substance abuse, parenting, and high risk social behaviors. Social services include counseling, case management, and client advocacy. A therapeutic activity program for children and their parents, through a collaboration of local agencies, is available on an as-needed basis. Behavioral health and substance abuse counseling are available on-site at all facilities.

#### **Linkages**

The program has linkages with Sojourner House, Tri-Hab, "Because He Lives" Soup Kitchen, Northern RI Community Mental Health Center, and Family Resources Community Action.

#### **Statistics**

Estimated homeless population: 1,000 Patients served: 1,171

#### **Subcontractor(s):**

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