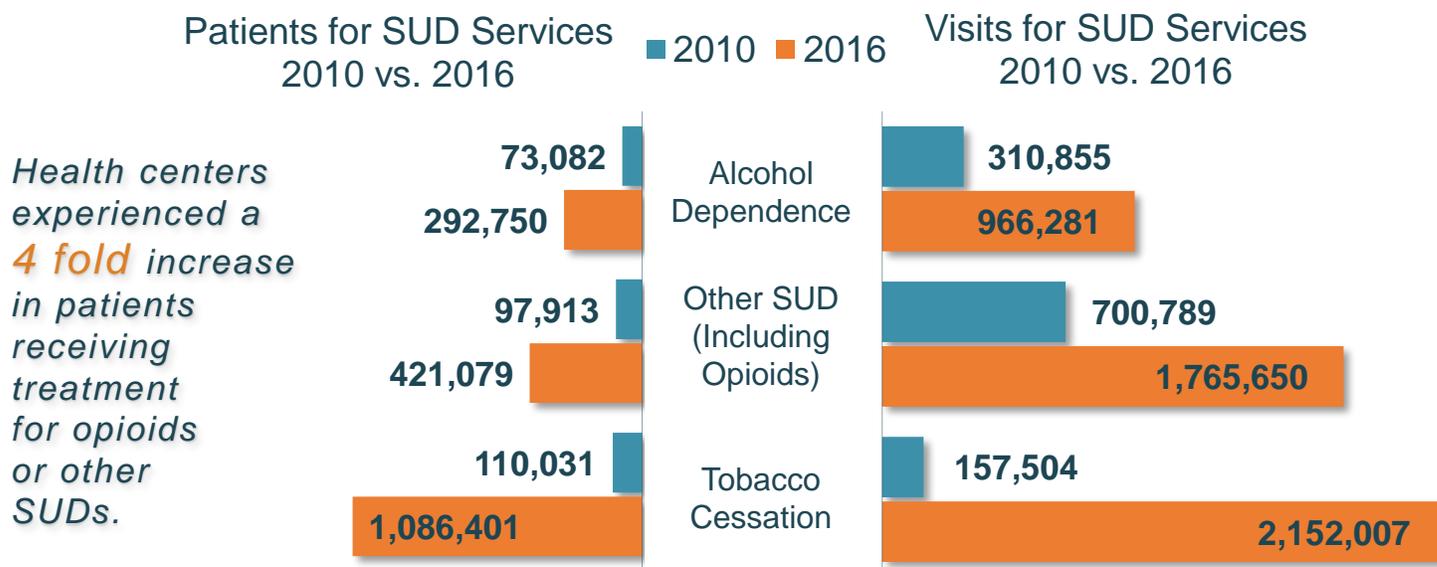


Health Centers on the Forefront of Substance Use Treatment

Community Health Centers & other Health Center Program grantees¹ provide affordable, high quality, comprehensive primary care to medically underserved populations across America. In addressing a mounting national need for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, health centers are on the forefront of battling SUDs, especially in the ongoing opioid epidemic.

Health centers are responding to demand...



...By increasing their capacity for SUD treatments.²



Health centers **doubled** their behavioral health workforce between 2010 & 2016.



There were **1,700** health center physicians with authorization to provide Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for opioid addiction as of 2016.



258 health centers have begun utilizing telehealth for mental health services as of 2016.

Moreover, health centers are leaders in integrating SUD treatment with primary care, mental health, and other services to treat the conditions that often co-occur with SUD and provide needed preventive care.

1. Note: In this document, unless otherwise noted, the term "health center" is generally used to refer to organizations that receive grants under the Health Center Program as authorized under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (referred to as "grantees") & FQHC-look alike organizations, which meet all the Health Center Program requirements but do not receive Health Center Program grants.

2. Sources: 2010 & 2016 Uniform Data System, Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, DHHS. Federally funded health centers only.

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