

## What are Community Health Centers?

Health centers are consumer-driven and patient-centered organizations that serve as a comprehensive and cost-effective primary health care option for America's most underserved communities. Health centers serve everyone regardless of ability to pay or insurance status. They increase access to health care and provide integrated care services based on the unique needs of the communities they serve. Health centers deliver value to and have a significant impact on America's healthcare system. They also:

- Serve as the health care home for nearly **29 million patients** in over **12,000 communities** across the country;
- Reduce health care costs and produce savings – on average, health centers save **24% per Medicaid patient** when compared to other providers;
- **Integrate critical medical and social services** such as oral health, mental health, substance abuse, case management, and translation under one roof;
- Employ **253,000 people** and **generate more than \$63.4 billion in total economic activity** in some of the nation's most distressed communities;
- Provide care to **1.3 million homeless patients** and **375,000 veterans**.

## Health Centers in Vermont, 2020

### Health Centers in VT

# of Grantee Organizations	11
# of Delivery Sites	84
% Rural Grantees	91%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	100%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	100%

### VT Health Center Patients

Children Served	30,021
Homeless Patients Served	2,091
Veterans Served	5,614
Growth in Patients since 2010	52%
<b>Total Patients</b>	<b>171,308</b>

	<u>VT</u> <u>Health Center</u> <u>Patients</u>	<u>VT</u> <u>Residents</u>	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	31%	10%	12%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	74%	25%	29%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	7%	8%	40%
% Uninsured	10%	4%	9%
% Medicaid	26%	17%	15%
% Medicare	23%	23%	18%
% Private	41%	69%	67%

### VT Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	99
NPs/PAs/CNMs	129
Nurses	187
Dental Staff	100
Pharmacy	15
Behavioral Health Specialists	109
Enabling Services	89
Vision Services Staff	3
Other Staff	730
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>1,460</b>

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Coronavirus	1,025
Chronic Conditions	190,649
Behavioral Health	254,310
Preventive Services	96,876
Dental Services	76,537

*Did you know that health centers in Vermont are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$7.43 in economic activity** across Vermont. In total, health centers in Vermont **deliver \$305,875,136 in economic activity**.*