



GRACE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTERS, INC.

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FACT SHEET

Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers, Inc. (GHNHC) was formed in 1906. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, and a federally qualified health center.

Grace Hill provides primary and preventive health care through five community health centers serving low income and uninsured residents in 45 census tracts in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County. Grace Hill is accredited through the prestigious Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (Joint Commission).

Of the nearly 38,000 patients Grace Hill serves, 31 percent are children, 24 percent are homeless, and another 18 percent are public housing residents. The majority, 55 percent, have no health insurance and 90 percent are under 100 percent of the federal poverty level. Services for the uninsured are provided based on a sliding fee scale. No one is denied services due to an inability to pay.

In addition to providing basic primary care, Grace Hill's unique approach is rooted in its settlement house philosophy of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." Community residents are hired and provided on-the-job training for certain positions, resulting in effective services provided by neighbors to other neighbors.

Grace Hill's Integrated Health and Support Services Model includes, but is not limited to, the following services:

Primary Health Care is provided by skilled physicians and nurse practitioners on staff at each site. Services include pediatrics, adult medicine, and OB/GYN services. In addition, Grace Hill provides dental services, optometry, pharmacy, transportation, medical social services, mammography, WIC (Women, Infants and Children program), and Division of Family Services on-site eligibility verification and enrollment services.

Community Health and other services provided involve prenatal and pediatric case management provided by nurses and nurse assistants to high risk pregnant mothers and babies. Through health outreach, neighbors are trained to help other neighbors access health services. Mobile outreach teams provide health education and referrals through three Health-to-Go Vans. Grace Hill's Children's Developmental Center serves children under 12-years of age with developmental and behavioral problems.

Grace Hill participates in several National Health Initiatives:

- Diabetes Collaborative, Smoking Cessation, Asthma, Cardiovascular Disease, Redesign of the Patient Visit, Lead Poisoning Prevention, Advanced Open Access to improve patient access to appointments and reduce the no-show rate, and BCCCP/Cancer.

Grace Hill also coordinates two city-wide health initiatives to reach special populations - the Homeless and Public Housing residents.

Grace Hill's community health nurses serve almost 30 homeless shelters and services include Respite Care for patients recuperating from serious illnesses, as well as on-site dental services provided by Grace Hill's Mobile Dental Team. Primary care for public housing residents include targeted services for school children living in subsidized housing.

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