

Top facts regarding Community Health Centers (CHCs):

- ❖ 92% of the patients served in CHCs fall more than 200% below the federal poverty line.
- ❖ More than a million CHC patients are homeless.
- ❖ Close to 900,000 CHC patients are migrant farmworkers.
- ❖ CHCs save Medicaid \$4 billion annually by reducing avoidable ER visits.
- ❖ CHCs operate on limited margins, generally around 0.8%, leaving them vulnerable to changes in the economy and political whims.
- ❖ CHCs employ local residents and purchase goods and services from local businesses, producing 143,000 jobs in some of the country's most economically deprived neighborhoods.
- ❖ Patients living in medically underserved areas with a community health center have measurably fewer preventable hospitalizations.
- ❖ People who receive a majority of their care at health centers have medical expenses 41% lower than those who receive care elsewhere.
- ❖ CHC patients are three times more likely than the rest of the population to have a "health care home" where they regularly go for care.
- ❖ More than 9000 physicians are employees of community and migrant health centers.
- ❖ About 125,000 Americans in the work force depend on their jobs at community health centers to support themselves and their families.
- ❖ There are 19 CHCs in Washington State serving 1 million individuals.

Valley View Health Center is your local Community Health Center with 6 clinics in Lewis County and one in Pacific County, employing 97 individuals.

In 2010, Valley View Health Center clinics provided primary medical and dental care to 18,000 Lewis and Pacific County patients ó your families, friends and neighbors.

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