



Building Partnerships

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Introduction

President Bush has initiated a plan to provide preventive and primary health care in every poor county in America through community health centers and rural health clinics. Governor Blanco has also said that federally qualified health centers (FQHC) are a part of the solution to providing care to ALL citizens regardless of their ability to pay.



Objectives —

- To highlight the mission of LPCA
- To highlight the outreach of LPCA
- To discuss partnership opportunities
- To network with CHCs in Louisiana



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Louisiana Primary Care Association

Established in 1982 as a private, non-profit trade association whose membership consists of FQHCs, health-related organizations, businesses, and individuals.

Mission - *To advocate for equal access to quality primary healthcare and elimination of health disparities in underserved communities.*



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LPCA

- Quality Improvement
- Managed Growth and Research Development (Community)
- Technical Assistance and Training
- Recruitment and Retention Assistance
- Management Improvement
- Data Information Gathering & Analysis
- National, State, Local Advocacy for Healthcare



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Mission of FQHCs

- ✚ **Goal of the CHC program:** To maintain, expand and improve the availability and accessibility of primary and preventive health care services and related 'enabling' services provided to low-income, medically underserved and vulnerable populations.



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Louisiana Primary Care Office

Unit of the Louisiana Department of Health and
Hospitals - Bureau of Primary Care and Rural
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Purpose – To support the development of effective and
appropriate primary and preventive health care
services within medically underserved communities.
The Primary Care Office is federally mandated to
support LPCA in its efforts to advocate for FQHCs in
Louisiana.



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Partnerships

- Bureau of Primary Care and Rural Health
- Office of Public Health
- Western Central Cluster Health Disparities
- AHECs
- Rural Health Association
- Rural Health Coalition



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Outreach

- Clinical Branch Meetings
- Annual Conference
- Site Visits
 - Assessments
 - 1:1 Clinician Interviews
 - Performance Improvement Assessments
 - Mock JCAHO Surveys
- Community Development Support
- Recruitment and Retention Support



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Health Care Access Barriers...

- *In the last 12 months*, one or more household members has **some problem obtaining health care services**, including:
 - Difficulty in obtaining care;
 - Delayed seeking care; or
 - Did not receive the care they thought they should have.
- *In the last 12 months*, one or more household members **had some problem obtaining medications** that had been prescribed for them.
- *Currently* one or more household members **lack health insurance coverage** or a "medical card."



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Health Care Barriers...

Populations can suffer from health disparities based on race/ethnicity, gender, age, income, insurance status, rural or urban geographic location, sexual orientation, housing status, occupation, or health behaviors. There are differences in risk factors, lack of access to health care, inadequate targeted prevention messages, and cultural difference between the health care system and the population it serves.



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Barriers to Providers

- Lack of specialist for referral
- Transportation
- Access to medications
- Patient Compliance



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FQHC Program Requirements

Four Components:

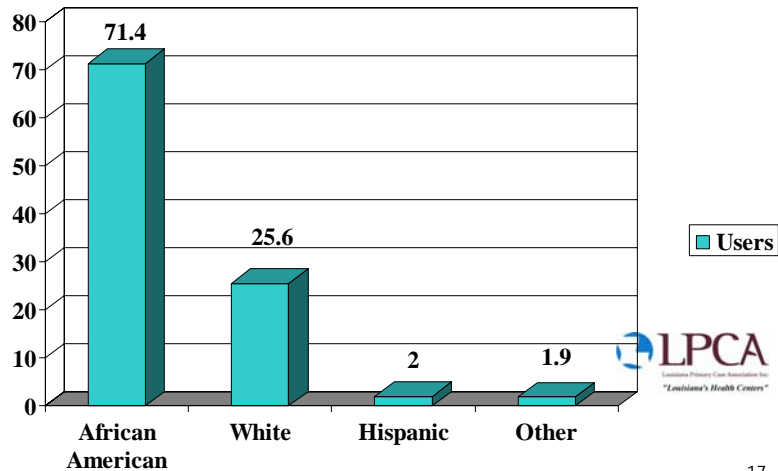
- Governance
- Mission and Strategy
- Clinical Program
- Management and Finance



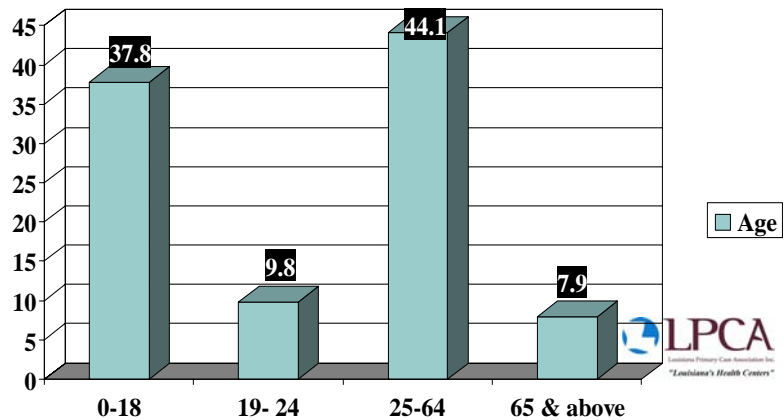
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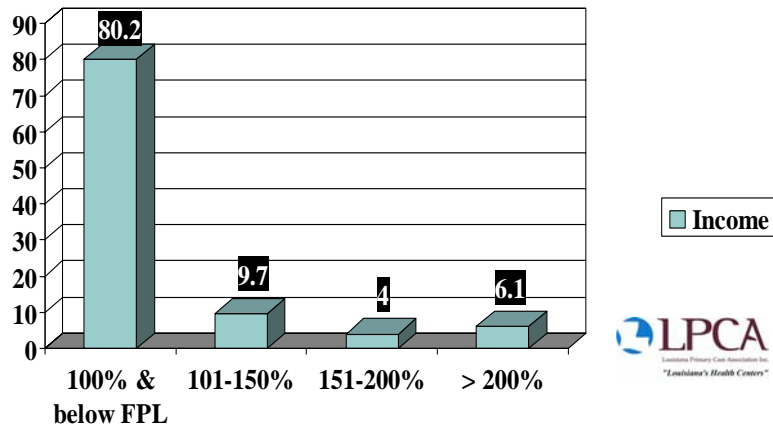
LA FQHC Users by Race



LA FQHC Users by Age



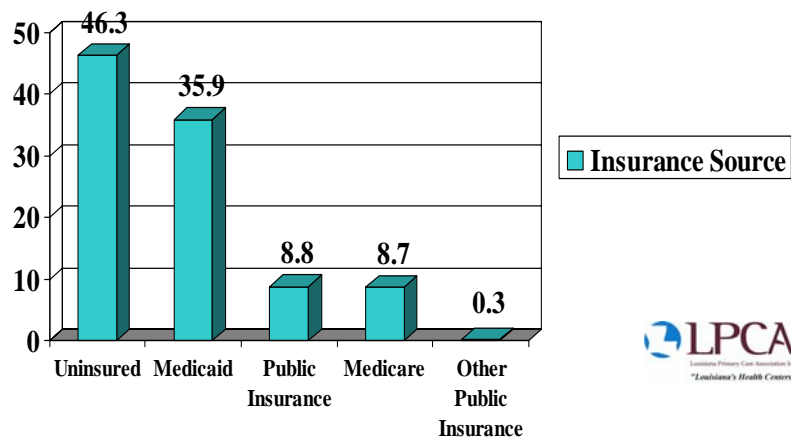
LA FQHC Users by Income



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LA FQHC Users by Insurance Source



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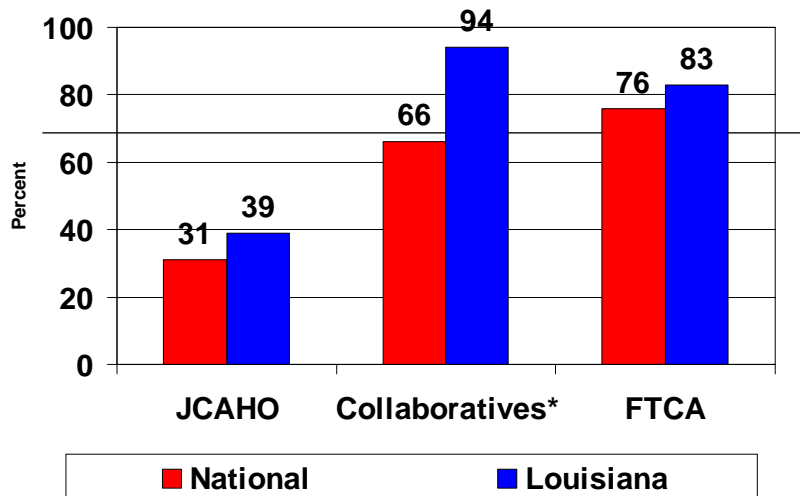
Louisiana Statistics

- 4,496,334 population (DHH)
- 40.4% are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (Census, 2000)
- 21.7 % uninsured population
- 36.1 percent minority population (Census, 2000)
- LA is ranked 49th in the U.S. in health status (Health Rankings, 2004)



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PROGRESS ON KEY QUALITY INITIATIVES



Source: 2003 UDS

*Percentage of Health Centers that have participated in at least one Collaborative as of 3/24/05.

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HDC Participation

- Since 1998, over 645 Bureau-supported health centers have participated in initial collaboratives focusing on Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease, Asthma, and Depression. This represents 66% of the national health centers. Additional pilots have focused on Prevention, Cancer Screening, Finance, Access, Perinatal Care, and Patient Safety.



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Collaborative Priorities

- Smoking Cessation
- Nutritional Care
- Immunizations
- Diabetes Prevention/Management
- Heart Disease Prevention/Management
- Cancer Prevention/Early Detection



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Community Health Network: State

Louisiana Primary Care
Association (LPCA)

www.lpca.net

Bureau of Primary Care & Rural
Health (PCO)

www.dhh.state.la.us/offices/?ID=88

State Elected Officials

Health Insurers

Schools of medicine, dentistry,
nursing and health sciences

Continuing education programs
for health professionals



Community Health Network: National

National Association of
Community Health Centers
(NACHC)

www.nachc.org

Health Resources Services
Administration (HRSA)

www.hrsa.gov

Bureau of Primary Health
Care (BPHC)

www.bphc.hrsa.gov

Office of Rural Health Policy

www.ruralhealth.hrsa.gov



Where Do We Go From Here?

- How can LPCA assist you in improving your CHC?



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QUESTIONS????????????



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- Where are our success stories?
- Congratulations to our "TEAMS OF EXCELLENCE"



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