America’s Health Centers serve over 22 million people in low-income and medically underserved communities. They are located in rural and urban communities where primary care services are needed but scarce.

Health centers set themselves apart from other providers by delivering a wider range of services to improve the overall health of their patients and communities.

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<th>Number of organizations providing these select services onsite (out of 1,128):</th>
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<td>% Increase from 2001</td>
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Enabling Services

Over 10 years, the number of employees more than doubled from 7,528 to 16,760 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)

Poor health can be caused by many factors that occur outside the walls of a medical facility, such as poverty, unstable housing, poor nutrition, lack of education, and language barriers.

For these reasons, all health centers offer enabling services that remove barriers to care and improve community health and economic wellbeing.

Enabling Services include, but are not limited to:

- Job Training
- Outreach Workers
- Transportation
- Fitness Programs
- Insurance Enrollment
- Patient Education
- Case Management
- Home Visitation
- Housing Assistance
- Interpretation
- Nutrition Classes
- Youth Development

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Health centers are working to meet the needs of America’s communities by increasing staff and providing comprehensive services that go beyond basic medical care. However, tremendous unmet need still remains and is visible in the 1,100 qualified, yet unfunded, service expansion grant applications in FY2011 alone. To continue to grow and effectively address these needs, health centers will need sustainable federal and state investments.

Source: NACHC, 2013. Based on 2001 and 2011 Uniform Data System (UDS), Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration, DHHS.

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