Community Grant Outcome Report

Name: At-Risk Adolescent Health Outreach, Prevention, and Services Collaborative Program
Grantee: Access Community Health Centers, Inc.
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Program: Implementation
Grant Duration: 04/01/2005 to 03/31/2008 (36 months)
Expenditures: $292,467 (100% expended)
Use of Funds: Implementation of evidence-based program

Description: The Adolescent Health Program has developed a comprehensive model of primary care for at-risk adolescents. This interdisciplinary team model integrates communication and collaboration with community partners and schools into the overall treatment plan.

Results: The project was successful in improving access to health care for at-risk adolescents and focusing on decreasing high-risk behaviors through outreach, education, and health care interventions. The number of adolescents receiving services in the program doubled between the first six months and the final six months of the project.

The data indicate that 51% of the 2,699 adolescents who accessed care at Access Community Health Centers (ACHC) during the grant period are using ACHC as a primary care home. (A primary care home is the entity that provides for and coordinates a patient’s health care needs.) All adolescents were from Dane County, with incomes below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, and between the ages of 11 and 19.

The public significance of this project lies in its ability to connect adolescents to a primary care home. This model also presents a significant opportunity for expansion of mental health services to teens in Dane County. The academic and community partners attribute the success of this project to ACHC’s core practice of fostering collaborative partnerships and shared decision-making.

Met Objectives: Project completed
Baseline Progress on State Health Plan Objectives: Yes—Access to Primary and Preventive Health Services.
Academic Partner Role: Direct clinical care; supervised the pediatric resident continuity clinics and residency public health rotations at ACHC. Also serves as the Medical Director for the Madison Metropolitan School District Nurse program.
Matched Dollars (cash or in-kind): $341,452
Dissemination: Presentations made to local community groups.
Sustained: Clinical activities have now been incorporated into the overall operations of ACHC. In addition, the program received $300,000 in sustainable annual funding for expansion services through the Health Services Resource Administration dedicated to outreach and adolescent behavioral health services.