



Southern Arizona Children's Health Project



The Southern Arizona Children's Health Project (SACHP) provides an enhanced medical and dental home to the underserved children and families of the rural U.S.-Mexico borderlands of Cochise County, Arizona. Many children with special health care needs are served in the project, whose diagnoses include cerebral palsy, intellectual disability or developmental delays, autism spectrum disorder, genetic syndromes, seizure disorders, or traumatic injuries. The region experiences a myriad of challenges, including poverty, lack of equitable access to specialty care, limited public transportation, early school failure, teen pregnancy, and severely strained educational and other public resources. Services are provided through the infrastructure of Chiricahua Community Health Centers, Inc.'s (CCHCI) community health center model, which includes fixed clinical sites, mobile medical and dental services, community outreach, and innovative prevention programs. The state-of-the-art mobile units allow SACHP to provide primary care, comprehensive dental, and behavioral health services to children and families in school-based, and community settings. The children and families seen at the SACHP live in very rural areas with little access to health care services. The SACHP provides a safe, welcoming space for children and families to receive the essential health care services they might otherwise forego.

Service Delivery

- Community Health Center
- Mobile Medical, Dental, and Mental Health
- Telehealth
- School-linked

Demographic Snapshot

- 45% Hispanic/Latino
- 2% Black
- 36% White
- 27% Children 5 and younger
- 36% Adolescents

Services Provided

- Primary care
- Case management
- Dental services
- Developmental evaluation
- Nutrition and health education
- Mental health counseling
- Subspecialty care
- Telehealth

Partner Institution

Chiricahua Community Health Centers, Inc.

Partnership Initiated

2008

2023 Total Visits

133,441

2023 Patients

18,717

Ages Served

0-19

Focus Areas

Adolescents, Homeless/displaced/unstably housed, public housing residents, Immigrants