



Integrating Public Health into Community Clinics and Health Centers

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Presentation Overview

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1. Background: CPCA and CCHCs
2. Current Examples of Clinics Engaged in Primary Prevention
3. Challenges & Opportunities
4. The Plan for the Future

Community Clinics and Health Centers: The Safety Net for California

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- 825 clinics in CA
- Private and nonprofit
- Serve all who come through their doors
- Primary care = medical, dental and mental health
- Patient-centered medical home



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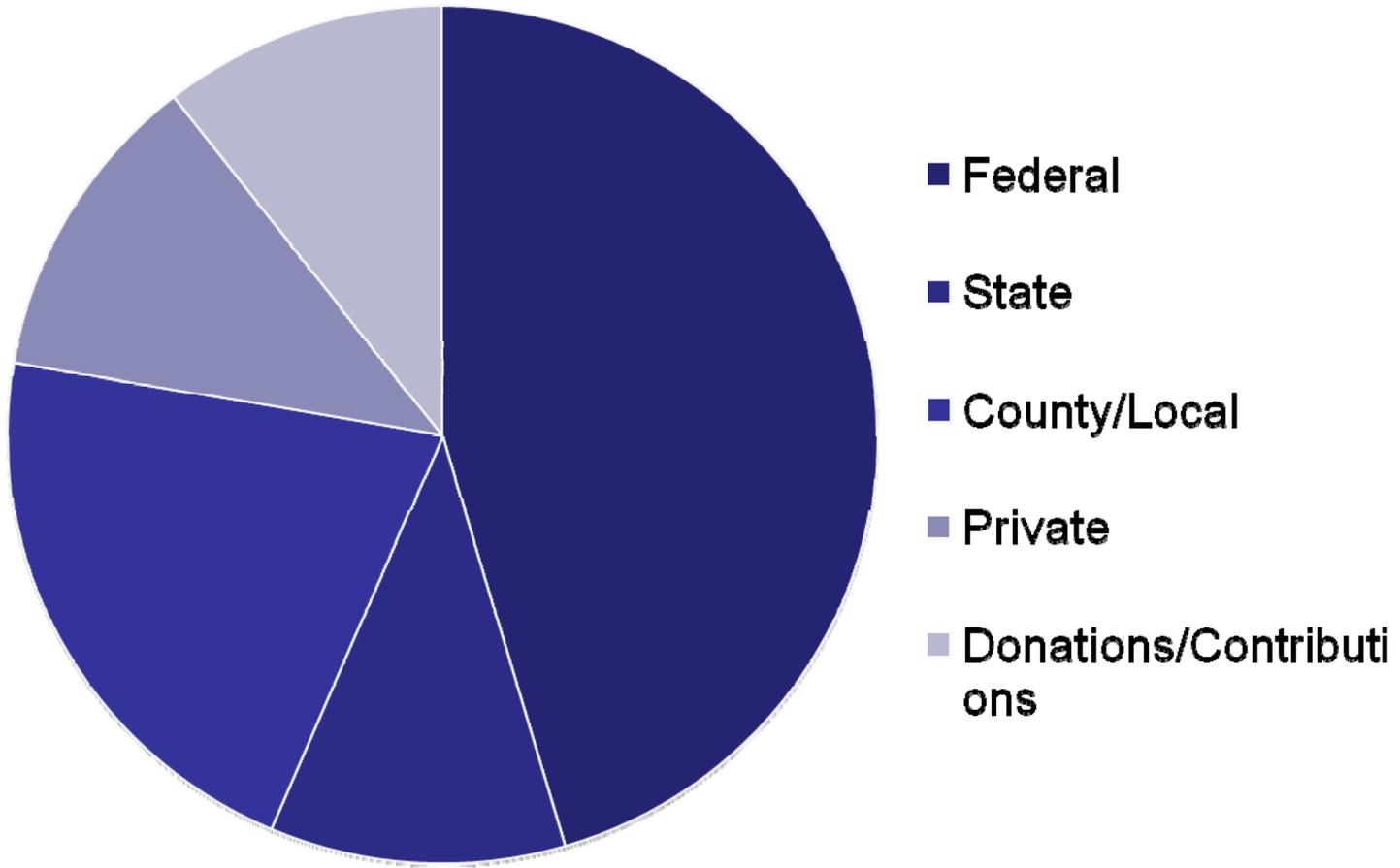
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- CCHCs serve 4,267,063 patients
- 2,763,337 under 100% of the FPL
- Most uninsured or on Medi-Cal
- Primarily women and children
- 55% Hispanic
- 45% ESL



Clinic Funding

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Types of Clinics

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- Community Clinics
- Free Clinics
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)
- FQHC Look-Alikes
- Rural Health Clinics
- Migrant Health Centers
- Indian Health Service Clinics
- Planned Parenthood

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- Statewide trade association for community clinics and health centers
- Represent all types of clinics
- Offer advocacy, education/training and other services for members
- Membership includes local/regional clinic consortia

Examples of Clinics Engaged in Primary Prevention

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- How do clinics address health beyond the provision of care?
 - Grassroots Advocacy
 - Employment
 - Partnerships/coalitions
 - HIT/HIE

Grassroots Advocacy

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- Voter registration
- Patient advocate programs
- Postcard campaigns
- Day at the Capitol, rallies, marches



Employment

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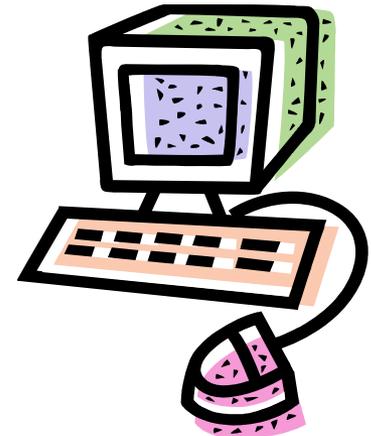
- Clinics located in the communities they serve
- FQHC Board requirements
- La Maestra Clinic (San Diego)



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- Federal investments in EHRs
- Accelerating Quality Improvement Through Collaboration (AQIC)
- Clinic reporting



Partnerships/Coalitions

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- Partnerships
 - Schools
 - Prisons



- Obesity, asthma, food
- TCE Building Healthy Communities Initiative

Challenges

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- Reimbursement structure
- “Four Walls”
- State budget woes
- Economy



Opportunities

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- Health Reform Law
- ARRA
- Medi-Cal Waiver



Questions?

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