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Developing and Operating Family Health Centers

The Institute’s network of family health centers in New York City and the Mid-Hudson Valley set a high standard for community health care. In 2017, we served over 117,000 patients.

Our health centers care for patients of all ages regardless of ability to pay. We offer:

• Primary and preventive medical care
• Behavioral health care
• Dental care
• Health education
• Insurance enrollment, social services and more

Our physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants work with our mental health clinicians and other team members to provide integrated care. As a federally qualified health center (FQHC) network, we meet national standards for affordable, accessible, comprehensive health care services.

Our clinical services are supported by a state-of-the-art electronic health record. Our innovative patient portal, MyChart MyHealth, offers our patients secure Internet-based access to their health records.

In alignment with national and state priorities, the Institute is expanding its care coordination and care management services through participation in the New York State Medicaid Health Homes program, New York State Delivery System Reform Incentive Program’s preferred provider systems, and the Medicare Shared Savings Program.

Training Health Professionals

Family Medicine Residencies – The Institute’s family medicine residencies are a centerpiece of our health workforce training efforts. Our three residency programs – the Harlem Residency in Family Medicine (Manhattan), the Mid-Hudson Family Practice Residency (Kingston, NY) and the Mount Sinai Downtown Residency in Urban Family Medicine (Manhattan) – are affiliated with the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley. Each year, we graduate about 27 family physicians committed to providing outstanding primary care in underserved communities.

In recognition of its dedication to training future family physicians in the health center setting, in 2011 the Institute became one of the first federally-funded “Teaching Health Centers” in the nation.

AHEC – As the New York Metropolitan Regional Office of the New York State Area Health Education Center System, the Institute has expanded opportunities for community-based clinical training of future health professionals.

Students and Volunteers – Each year, roughly 1,000 allied health students and volunteers receive hands-on training at the Institute, where they learn to provide outstanding services and programs in high-need communities.

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