

ACCESS PARTNERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

I would like to join the Access Partnership.

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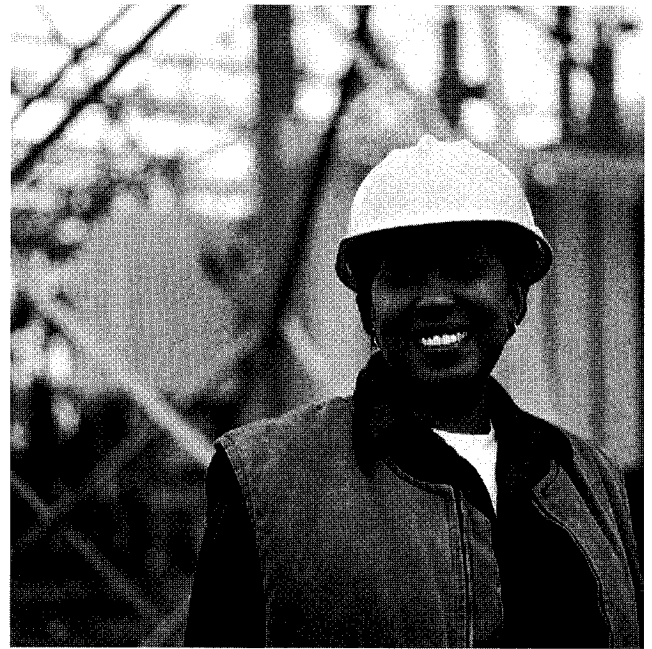
I am interested in

- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- Oral Health Services
- Chronic Care
- Birth Related Services
- Pharmacy
- Care Card
- General Information Only

PLEASE FAX YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM TO: The Planning Council Fax: 757-627-0951

Strategic Planning Based on the Assessment

Now that the study is complete and the areas of need identified, the work begins. The community leaders of our region have a history of working together toward a common cause. Health care is no exception. A regional healthcare Access Partnership was formed in 2002 with representatives from more than 20 nonprofit healthcare organizations in our region. This partnership is already in action making a difference in access to care in our community in regard to pharmacy services. The Access Partnership will be looking for representatives from each of the seven cities to participate in the strategic planning that will result from this study. It is this group of community leaders that will work together to develop timely solutions to the healthcare issues identified in this study. It will also be this group which works to find resources to make those solutions realities.



Regional Healthcare Access Partnership

The Access Partnership is a community collaboration of diverse stakeholders who share a common goal of improving access to medical services to the underinsured and uninsured residents of the greater Hampton Roads communities of Williamsburg, Poquoson, Newport News, Hampton, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and Portsmouth. Stakeholders include medical providers, charities, universities, churches, civic groups, free clinics, community health centers, departments of health, city community services boards and social services departments, and a broad representation of volunteers and medically indigent consumers.

Recent studies show that there are an estimated 176,000 uninsured or underinsured adults and children residing in the greater Hampton Roads area, and that access to basic primary care services, critical medications and chronic disease management is limited to this population and many rely on local emergency departments. In the last 15 years, local hospitals, churches and concerned volunteers have established a safety net of basic services which are provided through free clinics, community health centers and parish nurse programs to provide a modest choice of medical and support services to those with acute health problems.



The Access Partnership is focused on strengthening the safety net systems of care for the medically underserved by expanding the depth and breadth of existing programs; implementing new services for identified gaps in primary care and chronic illness prevention; and coordinating for medically indigent families.

The partnership is dedicated to bringing the lowest possible cost medical care to every resident according to their economic situation so that anyone in need of care will not have to go without. In the next five years, the partnership will be using the findings from this study to chart a course for improved health care in our region.