National Health Service Corps Programs

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National Health Service Corps
Then

1970s
• NHSC created
• First scholarships
• Grew from 181 providers to over 1,800
• Budget 10 times larger by end of decade

1980s
• Loan Repayment Program (LRP) launched
• Predicted physician surplus—budget reduced
• Field strength at 1,500 by 1989

1990s
• Early 1990s—Only 1,000 providers serve
• Mental health disciplines added to LRP
• Over 2,500 providers in service by end of decade

2000s
• Recovery Act and Health Care Reform—increased funding
• Unprecedented growth in field strength
• More than 9,200 providers in service*

*As of September 30, 2014
National Health Service Corps
Today

• More than 47,000 clinicians have served in the NHSC
  ➢ Expanding access to health care
  ➢ Improving the health of people who live in urban and rural areas, where health care is often scarce

• NHSC consists of more than 9,200 clinicians currently working in underserved communities, more than double the 3,600 serving in 2008

• The NHSC has supported more than 18,000 health care providers between 2009 and 2014.
The NHSC provides financial support to providers in exchange for working at NHSC-approved sites.
## Overview of Eligible Disciplines

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NHSC by Discipline

More than 9,200 NHSC primary care providers serving at nearly 5,000 sites.

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## NHSC Service Obligation Requirements

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<th>Minimum HPSA Score</th>
<th>Financial Assistance</th>
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<td>Loan Repayment</td>
<td>*0-26</td>
<td>Up to $50,000 for initial 2 years</td>
<td>Minimum of 2 years</td>
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<td>Students to Service (S2S)</td>
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<td>Up to $120,000</td>
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<td>Scholarship</td>
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<td>Full tuition and fees</td>
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<td>State Loan Repayment (SLRP)</td>
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<td>Varies by state</td>
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- Full-time, half-time
- Teaching
- S2Sers and Scholars can continue in the Corps as Loan Repayors
NHSC Funding & Awards

- FY 2015: $287.4 Million – ACA funding

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<td>S2S Loan Repayment Program</td>
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<td>NHSC Loan Repayment Program</td>
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<td>NHSC Scholarship Program</td>
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<td>State Loan Repayment Program</td>
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*2,300 new & 1,600 Continuations
** 38 state programs to give an estimated 464 awards

- Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 includes $310 million in mandatory funding for FY 2016 and 2017
National Health Service Corps

– $810 million requested for FY 2016
– President’s FY 2016 requested $2.61 billion for FY 2016-2020
– To sustain a field strength of at least 15,000 NHSC clinicians, FY 2016-2020
NHSC Updates

• Partnership with the Department of Education
  - Student Loan Integration for LRP programs

• Students to Service Loan Repayment opened on August 18, 2015. Will close on October 29th.
  – Estimated Number of Awards: 110

• Launched NHSC Site Survey in 2015 that included new questions regarding telemedicine

• NHSC Job Center 2.0!
OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICES THAT PROMOTE WELLNESS & BALANCE OF MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT FOR THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.

The NATIVE Project was incorporated in 1989 as a 501 (c) 3 non-profit agency offering safe & fun activities to youth in the greater Spokane area. Addressing an alarming trend of alcohol and substance abuse issues in the community, the NATIVE Project quickly evolved into an adolescent youth, outpatient treatment center. By 1999, the NATIVE Project became the parent company to an I.H.S contracted, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) called NATIVE Health of Spokane. Since our incorporation, we have served over 217 Federally recognized Tribes from across the US & over 16,000 patients. We’re a multidisciplinary team agency that includes chemical dependency, mental health, dental, pharmacy and primary care treatment. In the clinic alone, we have 1 MD, 2 ARNPs, 2 RNs, 1 LPN, 2 HCAs, 1 RD/CDE, 1 LICSW/CDP, 1 LMHC, 1 Clinical Case Manager, 1 Clinic Manager, 2 Schedulers, 2 Patient Registration, 1 Clinical Applications Coordinator, 1 Researcher & an on-site contracted pharmacy.

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Relevant Links
- NATIVE Project

Site Brochure
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• **October 2015** will be the 5th annual celebration of the Corps Community

• NHSC sites, clinicians, Ambassadors, alumni, and state, professional and academic partners across the nation host activities and events
  
  – Support diversity & increase awareness of primary care careers & how NHSC supports this decision
  
  – Highlight the NHSC’s role in delivering primary care services to communities that need them most.
Shortage Designation

• New Shortage Designation Management System (SDMS) – Phased Release - December 2014

• Goals of the new system are to provide:
  • Increased predictability of system and outputs
  • Transparency and utility of processes and data
  • Enhanced external facing functionality
  • Reduction of paper
  • Defined schedules and maximized resource time
  • Articulated, standardized and refined policies and procedures
Questions/Discussion