

Corps Community Day Media Fact Sheet

Backgrounder

What is Corps Community Day?

Corps Community Day is an annual observance celebrated each October since 2011. This year's Corps Community Day will be celebrated on October 9, 2014 during National Primary Care Week. Corps Community Day events will occur throughout the month of October.

Corps Community Day is an opportunity to:

- Raise awareness about the vital role of the primary care workforce
- Highlight the impact of the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) in increasing access to primary care in underserved communities with limited access to health care
- Promote NHSC programs and the various benefits of participation

For additional information on the initiative refer to the Corps Community Day website, <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/corpsexperience/corpscommunityday/>.

Who sponsors Corps Community Day?

Corps Community Day is sponsored by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Grassroots events are planned by hundreds of NHSC clinical sites, NHSC clinicians, Ambassadors, alumni, and partners (including many health professions schools) across the nation who represent local, state, and national organizations dedicated to provide primary care in communities with limited access to medical, dental, and mental and behavioral health services.

What is this year's Corps Community Day theme?

As ***Corps Community Day celebrates*** its fourth anniversary, this year's theme, "Partnering to Support Primary Care Career Choices" represents the importance of how collaborations between academic, local, state, and federal organizations impact a student's or provider's decision to choose a primary care career.

What events occur during Corps Community Day?

Events, ranging from presentations on campuses, health fairs in communities, open houses at NHSC clinical sites, and online webinars, promote the need to increase the primary care workforce in communities with limited access to care. Corps Community Day events are posted

on www.meetup.com/Corps-Community-Day, an online platform to help people find events in their area.

Partners include:

- NHSC clinicians
- NHSC clinical sites
- NHSC alumni
- Health care organizations
- Health professions schools
- State and local organizations
- Community members

Who can participate in these local events?

Anyone having an interest in increasing the primary care workforce is welcome to join the events. . Health professions students, residents, or clinical providers already in practice might find the information at the events most helpful.

Health professions students and clinical providers who are eligible for NHSC programs must be licensed (or planned to be licensed) in one of the following disciplines:

- Medicine (MD/DO)
- Physician Assistant (primary care)
- Nursing (Nurse Practitioner, Certified Nurse-Midwife, Psychiatric Nurse Specialist)
- Dentistry (DDS, DMD); DentalHygienist
- Mental and Behavioral Health (Health Service Psychologist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Professional Counselor, Marriage and Family Therapist)

What are the benefits of the National Health Service Corps?

The NHSC removes financial barriers for clinicians and students interested in practicing a primary care discipline, enabling them to pursue a fulfilling, mission-driven, community-based career. Through the NHSC, primary care clinicians receive scholarships and loan repayment in return for committing to practice in areas of the country that have too few health care professionals to serve the people who live there.

Refer to the NHSC “About Us” page, <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/corpsexperience/aboutus>, for additional background information.