

Corps Community Day:

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Access to Health Care*

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Join us for the first **Corps Community Day** on October 13, 2011, during the 13th annual National Primary Care Week. The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) is conducting a variety of events and activities nationwide on this day in an effort to recruit additional committed health professionals to serve communities in need and to strengthen the public's understanding of the importance of access to primary care.

The National Health Service Corps: Connecting Dedicated Primary Care Providers to the Communities that Need Them

The NHSC is a Federal program that improves access to health care for persons living in communities with a shortage of primary care providers. About one in five people in the U.S. (21 percent) lives in a primary care shortage area, which means they go without essential health services, or they have to travel long distances to see a primary health care provider.

The NHSC offers financial, professional, and educational resources to qualified providers who want to bring their skills where they are needed most. Currently, there are more than 9,000 NHSC doctors, dentists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, mental and behavioral health specialists, and other health providers treating more than nine million people, regardless of their ability to pay, at more than 10,000 NHSC-approved sites throughout the U.S. and its territories.

Corps Community Day: Take Action in Your Community

NHSC Providers, Scholars, Sites, Ambassadors, alumni, partners, and staff invite you to plan or join in on Corps Community Day events and activities, such as:

- Participating in the "Tell One" campaign, beginning September 15, 2011, challenging all NHSC members and partners to inform at least one health professional student or provider about opportunities with the Corps,
- Hosting a presentation about the NHSC at a local high school, college and/or health professional school,

- Holding a health fair to provide free screenings, flu vaccinations, and/or educational materials, or
- Coordinating a family health walk in your community.

Interested? Here's how to get involved:

- ✓ Visit NHSC.hrsa.gov/CorpsCommunityDay for activity ideas, an interactive U.S. map with state-by-state data on NHSC field strength, health professional shortage areas, and details on planned Corps Community Day activities. You'll also find fact sheets, a modulated PowerPoint presentation, customizable flyers, and other tools and resources.
- ✓ Email us at CorpsCommunityDay@hrsa.gov with details about your Corps Community Day event or activity. We'll add it to the interactive map.
- ✓ Share your plans and connect with fellow members, alumni, and partners by joining the discussion on the NHSC Facebook page, www.facebook.com/NationalHealthServiceCorps.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: To learn more about the NHSC and the dedicated public health care practitioners who provide service in all 50 states and territories, visit NHSC.hrsa.gov.

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