

OVER THREE DECADES OF GROWTH

Since 1982, the Louisiana Primary Care Association (LPCA) has proudly served as the voice of Louisiana’s Federally Qualified Health Centers. LPCA has continually fought for high-quality, accessible, and affordable primary healthcare services for the uninsured and medically underserved populations in our state. Over the past three and a half decades, Louisiana’s Community Health Center network has firmly positioned itself as a vital component of our state’s healthcare delivery system.

“ Our organization has grown tremendously! We are so excited to see what the future has in store for us. We consider it an honor to work on behalf of so many professionals dedicated to improving the health of their communities! ”

Gerrelda Davis, Executive Director
Louisiana Primary Care Association

LPCA’s Executive Directors:

- Clyde Kay
- Marsha Broussard
- Shirley Marcus
- Valerie Jackson-Jones
- Mary Scott
- Rhonda Litt
- Jonathan Chapman
- Gerrelda Davis

Organization established as
**Louisiana Association of
Community Health Centers.**

1982

In 1987, Louisiana only had a total of **four health center organizations:**

- Teche Action Clinic
- Outpatient Medical Center
- SWLA Center for Health Services
- St. Thomas Community Health Center

1987

Congress defines guaranteed **“Federally Qualified Health Center”** services under Medicaid; Medicare a year later.

Name officially changed to the **Louisiana Primary Care Association.**

1989



President George W. Bush fulfills his campaign pledge by calling for a **5-year initiative to increase health center funding by \$700 million.** Congress unanimously reauthorizes the Health Center Program, boosting federal funding for health centers by \$175 million in first year, exceeding the President’s request.

At this time, 13 million patients are being served across the country. President Bush hoped to expand or create 1,200 new access points across the country.

2001



In 1990, LPCA is awarded **PCA grant** funds from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Congress extends coverage under the **Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA)** for Federally Qualified Health Centers and their staff.

1992



Louisiana implements **LaCHIP**, expanding healthcare coverage to uninsured children up to age 19 and some pregnant women. This drastically reduces the uninsured rate among children.

1998



2013

Dr. Gary Wiltz, CEO of Teche Action Clinic, is elected as **Board President** of the National Association of Community Health Centers.

2014

At this time, there are 30 FQHC grantees in the state of Louisiana. These Health Centers now see over **300,000 patients** a year.

The Louisiana Community Health Center Caucus is established in the Louisiana Legislature. At the time of establishment, 87 members of the Legislature were part of the caucus.

2015



LPCA moves to its new office at **503 Colonial Drive**.

LPCA contracts with an Independent Practice Association (IPA) that works with FQHCs and contracted health plans to improve the quality of care at FQHCs.

Health Centers across the country celebrate the **50 year anniversary** of the Health Center Program.

Gov. John Bel Edwards **expands the Medicaid program**, making care more accessible to thousands of patients.

2017

Louisiana's **34 FQHC organizations** collectively operate over 240 healthcare facilities, serving nearly 385,000 patients.

The **Louisiana Primary Care Accountable Care Organization** is founded in order to enter the Medicare Shared Savings Program.

With **16 staff members**, LPCA continues to grow, expanding services and increasing assistance provided to Louisiana's FQHCs.

The city of New Orleans is ravaged by **Hurricane Katrina**. Community Health Centers rise to the challenge and work to serve displaced patients.

The **Greater New Orleans Community Health Connection (GNOCHC)**, a Medicaid demonstration waiver, is created in an effort to expand primary care and behavioral health services in the Greater New Orleans region.

LPCA begins statewide capital development program known as the **Facility Expansion Initiative** in 2006.

The FEI was based upon a statewide strategic plan that identified a specific list of Community Health Center capital needs.

In 2007, legislation signed by Gov. Kathleen Blanco awarded Health Centers with **\$41.5 million** to be used for capital projects.

President Barack Obama signs the **Affordable Care Act**, one of his signature legislative achievements. This law provides FQHCs with \$11 billion over 5 years.

The **BP Deepwater Horizon** spills 4.9 million barrels of oil off the coast of Louisiana, making access to primary care essential for residents on the Gulf Coast.

Under Gov. Bobby Jindal, Louisiana transitions its Medicaid program to **"Bayou Health"** - now "Healthy Louisiana."

LPCA introduces the inaugural **Eric B. Taylor Leadership Award**, in honor of the former CEO of SWLA Center for Health Services.

LPCA is awarded the Health Center Controlled Network (**HCCN**) grant.



2005

2007

2010

2012