



Los Barrios Unidos Community Clinic Our Mission and History

The mission of Los Barrios Unidos Community Clinic (LBUCC) is to provide quality comprehensive primary medical, dental and other support and health promotion services to the residents and families of Dallas and surrounding counties in an accessible, acceptable and affordable manner. LBUCC's success in bringing those in the greatest need into the primary care delivery system is part of its culture and underlying mission.

In 1972, the residents of several West Dallas "barrios" united to open a community clinic in a portable building to serve a population disenfranchised from the economic and social services of the city due primarily to language and cultural differences. Today the "barrios" or neighborhoods are referred to as West Dallas.

LBUCC has experienced a steady growth since incorporating in 1972. The organization operates two West Dallas clinics on a campus in the shadow of downtown Dallas and a new satellite clinic in Grand Prairie, Texas. A 4,000 square foot West Dallas clinic that opened in August 1994 now houses adult and geriatric clinics, podiatry, optometry and mental health. In November 2000, LBUCC opened a 34,500 square foot Women & Children's Clinic nearby that provides pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, dentistry, pharmacy and a WIC program. In October 2009, a satellite clinic opened in Grand Prairie, Texas through partnerships with the City of Grand Prairie and the Grand Prairie Independent School District.

LBUCC has a 37-year history of providing culturally competent primary health care and supportive assistance to the most at risk population; underinsured and uninsured, often unfamiliar with the need for preventive care and unable to afford that care. Today, as before, most staff and the Board of Directors are bilingual in English and Spanish. In 2008, 98% of LBUCC's 20,912 patients were Hispanic and 75% were uninsured.

Los Barrios Unidos Community Clinic has been fully accredited by The Joint Commission since 1998. To achieve Joint Commission accreditation, clinic outcomes are systematically monitored and licensed independent practitioners (physicians, dentists and nurses) are formally credentialed and granted clinical privileges.

LBUCC's decades of success can also be attributed to a demonstrated ability to work collaboratively. LBUCC has close ties with organizations including: Parkland and Methodist Hospitals for patient referrals and infant deliveries; The Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas, whose WIC program is managed by LBUCC; The University of Texas School of Social Work whose students work and volunteer at LBUCC, Dallas Metrocare Services with whom the organization is co-located, and the D/FW Area Health Education Centers and workforce development programs.