Community Health Association of Mountain/Plains States

The mission of CHAMPS is to provide opportunities for education and training, networking, and workforce development so that Region VIII (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY) Community Health Centers can better serve their patients and communities.

Community Health Association of Mountain/Plains States (CHAMPS) has worked on behalf of Region VIII Community Health Centers and State Primary Care Associations since 1985 as the Regional Primary Care Association. As a Regional PCA, CHAMPS provides economies of scale and is a model of service integration and collaboration, enhancing opportunities for training, networking, and innovation while reducing duplication of effort throughout the six states served.

CHAMPS Values:

Support
Excellence
Responsiveness
Vision
Integrity
Collaboration
Equity

CHAMPS Trainings & Events

CHAMPS enhances access to care, organizational excellence, and improved health outcomes and equity via in-person, online, and self-directed professional development and peer networking opportunities.

- CHAMPS/NWRPCA Annual Primary Care Conference
- CORE Competencies Training for New CHC Supervisors and Managers
- Distance Learning Events (webcasts, podcasts, on-demand learning modules and courses, etc.)
- Next Level Skills Training for CHC Managers and Supervisors
- Spanish Language Training for Healthcare Providers

CHAMPS Region VIII Publications

CHAMPS offers a selection of documents designed to provide region- and nation-wide data which can play a useful role in needs assessments, program and service development, and quality improvement efforts.

- BPHC Uniform Data System Summaries
- Data Summaries: Demographics, Health Behaviors, Mortality, and Women's Health
- Electronic Digests and Bulletins addressing the Mountain/Plains Clinical Network, Health Equity, and Workforce
- Health Center Recruitment and Retention Survey Reports
- Health Center Salary and Benefits Survey Reports
- Health Center Workforce Metrics, Clinical Staffing, and Provider Productivity Expectations Reports
- Quarterly Newsletters

Mountain/Plains Clinical Network

Mountain/Plains Clinical Network (MPCN) is a CHAMPS program that encompasses and supports all health care providers working at Region VIII Community Health Centers.

- MPCN facilitates the professional, administrative, and educational development of all Region VIII Community Health Center providers to ensure the delivery of the highest quality of care, eliminate disparities, and increase access.
- A steering committee comprised of Region VIII CHC medical, oral health, and behavioral health providers plus a quality improvement representative guides CHAMPS' clinical programs to ensure that these meet the needs of MPCN members.

Other CHAMPS Offerings

 Job Opportunities Bank; Region VIII PCA Networking Groups; Online Clearinghouse of Resources - and much more.

Please see the reverse of this e-flyer for details about the CHAMPS website.





Data, Products, Publications, Resources, and Trainings

Serving Region VIII Health Centers and PCAs by providing educational resources and training opportunities; supporting a strong workforce; enhancing clinical quality; promoting collaboration, networking, and the sharing of best practices; and disseminating information about the Region VIII environment.

Visit ABOUT US to learn more about:

- CHAMPS mission, goals, leadership, membership, programs, and services
- Mountain/Plains Clinical Network (MPCN) mission, goals, leadership, and programs
- Workforce Development programs and peer support opportunities
- Community, Migrant, Homeless, and Public Housing Health Centers
- Health Center Partners, including Primary Care Associations (PCAs), National Training and Technical Assistance Partners (NTTAPs), and other partners and websites of interest

Visit EVENTS & TRAININGS to access:

- Annual Primary Care Conference information
- An interactive Calendar of Events
- Live and Archived Distance Learning Opportunities
- On-Demand Learning Modules and Courses addressing Immunizations, Family Planning, and Wellness
- Podcasts addressing Clinical Searching Skills, Staff Wellness, and Substance Use Disorder
- Spanish Language Training information
- Supervisor/Manager Trainings and other Leadership Learning Opportunities

Visit RESOURCES for:

- Health Center board resources for creating strong and effective Boards of Directors
- Clinical resources including tools, products, and provider and patient reference materials addressing Evidence-Based Clinical Guidelines, asthma, chronic pain, colorectal cancer screening, diabetes, obesity, substance use, tobacco cessation, and more
- Ouality Improvement (OI) resources including links to OI tools, OI plan resources, information about health equity and social determinants of health (SDOH), and more
- Recruitment and Retention (R&R) resources for pipeline development and establishing Education Health Centers as well as recruiting, hiring, orienting, and retaining Health Center staff
- Cross-disciplinary resources including COVID-19, cultural competency, emergency preparedness, health information technology (HIT), needs assessment, outreach and enrollment, Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH), Spanish language resources, terms and acronyms, and more
- Special Populations resources regarding lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) populations, Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers (MSFWs) and their families, persons experiencing homelessness and those living in public housing, Indigenous Peoples, veterans, and others

Visit the JOB BANK to:

- Search the Job Opportunities Bank (JOB) of openings at Region VIII Health Centers
- Find recruitment resources for individual Region VIII states
- Learn more about the advantages of working in a Health Center

Current Members are invited to visit MEMBERS ONLY to view:

- CHAMPS Board Resources including meeting minutes, membership lists, and policies
- Immigration Resources relevant to Health Centers
- Printable CHAMPS Region VIII Health Center salary/benefits, workforce metrics, clinical staffing, and provider productivity expectations reports
- Printable CHAMPS Region VIII finance, operations, and productivity reports
- Searchable Region VIII Health Center Directory

Visit CONTACT US for CHAMPS staff information.

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