

# CHAMPS Benefits of Membership



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CHAMPS organizational membership is open to the Community Health Centers (CHCs) and State Primary Care Associations (SPCAs) of Region VIII (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY). This support is vital and allows CHAMPS to meet its mission of supporting Region VIII CHCs so they can better serve their patients and communities.

## Governance

Member organizations identify two CHAMPS Board of Directors representatives, typically one administrative and one clinical, to help guide the organization, enhance the member experience, and build beneficial relationships at the regional and national levels with key partners and funders.

## Networking & Peer Support

CHAMPS provides opportunities for CHC and PCA leadership and staff to stay well-connected to each other, federal entities, and regional partners via Annual Conference roundtables sessions, the Mountain/Plains Clinical Network (MPCN), the MPCN Minute e-Bulletin, Region VIII PCA Networking Calls, and more. Members can easily connect with similar organizations using the Region VIII Health Center Directory, searchable online in the Members Only section of the CHAMPS website.

## Recognition & Awards

Members qualify for annual CHAMPS Awards, including the Stanley J. Brasher Legacy Award, honoring individuals who have dedicated their careers to solving the problems of health, poverty, and human rights and who have contributed toward the mission and recognition of community and migrant health centers in the Mountain/Plains States. Additionally, member accomplishments are recognized in CHAMPS Newsletters and Board of Directors Digests.

## Recruitment & Retention

Members receive direct advertising of newly active Job Opportunities Bank (JOB) postings to job seekers interested in CHC careers, and those interested in developing a primary care residency program at their CHC have access, through a preliminary pro-bono consultation, to Education Health Center Initiative (EHCI) experts.

## Professional Development

CHAMPS hosts an Annual Conference plus Spanish Language Training and Training for CHC Supervisors/Managers each year, and members have free access to live and archived Distance Learning Events including webcasts, Project ECHO Learning Communities, podcasts, on-demand learning modules and courses, and more. These events cover timely CHC topics, often offer continuing education credits, and provide members with access to experts, federal entities, and other stakeholders.

## Training Discounts & Scholarships

Members receive significant discounts on CHAMPS Annual Conference and other training registration fees, plus have opportunities for registration and travel reimbursement for the Annual Conference.

## Business Intelligence

Members receive up to two free copies of the Region VIII Health Center Salary and Benefits Survey Report, and have free access to Region VIII Health Center Workforce Metrics, Staffing, and Provider Productivity Expectations Reports as well as Annual Region VIII Health Center Training and Technical Assistance Needs Assessment Reports. Members have access to electronic copies of all current and previous versions of these reports via the Members Only section of the CHAMPS website.

## Preferred Pricing Program

Members have the opportunity to participate in the Region VIII Health Center Preferred Pricing Program for Employment Screening Services, offering discounts of approximately 25% off regular rates.

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