The New Jersey Children’s Health Project

The mission of the School of Nursing Mobile Healthcare Project, in partnership with the Children’s Health Fund, is to extend the reach of healthcare delivery to underserved, inner city residents. Through joint collaborative practice agreements, the Rutgers SN advanced practice nurses work closely with physician teams, to develop cost-effective care delivery strategies for patients diagnosed with acute and chronic illnesses in the community-based setting. The objectives of the Project are to: screen, identify and provide health promotion/disease management services, foster community involvement in the health assessment and referral process, and provide culturally and linguistically sensitive health promotion/disease management health education.

The Project strives to achieve the following goals of care. Children and their families will:

- receive health promotion, disease management care and treatment to assist in the achievement of optimum levels of wellness
- receive counseling and guidance in locating and utilizing community-based resources as the need arises
- be an integral component of the healthcare team in the development and implementation of mutually agreed upon care modalities
- receive healthcare instruction using culturally and linguistically sensitive teaching aids to enhance understanding of disease processes and health promotion
- receive care that is research-based and follows nationally standardized clinical guidelines

Goals of Care

Services

- Immunizations
- Cancer screenings
- Body Weight Monitoring
- Electrocardiogram
- Vision and Hearing Testing
- Exercise and Medication Instruction
- HIV/STD Testing and Counseling
- Community Services Referral
- OB/GYN Care and Referral
- Nebulizer Treatments
- Cholesterol Screening and Nutrition Assessment
- Comprehensive Physical Examination
- Treatment of Medical Illness
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Referral
- Dental Assessment and Referral
- Social Services and Referral

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The New Jersey Children’s Health Project, launched in May 2007, is a collaboration between the Children’s Health Fund (CHF) and the Rutgers School of Nursing Mobile Healthcare Project. This innovative, collaborative outreach effort works in partnership with CHF, the clinical affiliates of Rutgers, and community-based organizations. The Project is staffed by a team of healthcare professionals who travel to underserved neighborhoods to provide primary and preventive healthcare services to children and their families. Individuals who receive services through the Project are treated regardless of ability to pay. The Project breaks down financial, social, cultural, and transportation barriers that prevent those in need from receiving proper healthcare and connects them to available resources.

Locations:
The mobile medical unit makes regular visits in locations throughout Newark.

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