



OUR MISSION

The South End Community Health Center is a board governed non-profit, comprehensive health care organization for all residents of the South End and the surrounding communities. We are committed to providing the highest quality, culturally and linguistically sensitive, coordinated health care and social services to every patient, regardless of their ability to pay.

OUR HISTORY

Founded in 1969 by a renowned pediatrician, Dr. Gerald Hass, and neighborhood activists, the South End Community Health Center provides adult and family medicine, pediatrics, behavioral health, dental and eye care, as well as women's health. Our health services are culturally and linguistically sensitive, and after nearly 50 years the Health Center is widely recognized for its outstanding, high-quality, primary and preventive care provided to all members of our community, regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical ability, and/or income.

In 2012, we opened the Dr. Gerald Hass Center, the first full-time school-based health center in Boston, which offers medical, behavioral and dental services to the community and students of the Blackstone Innovation Elementary School.

The Health Center received Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) 330(i) designation to provide health care to the residents of Public Housing in 2013.

Our dedicated multicultural and multilingual staff serves over 15,000 patients, accounting for 75,000 visits annually.

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

SECHC offers many services and programs for families and children. The services we provide are: Adult and Family Medicine, Behavioral Health, Dental Care, Eye Care, Pediatrics, Women's Health and a variety of special services that include asthma, nutrition, podiatry and pediatric neurology. The Health Center also offers a variety of innovative programs, including Weight Initiative Now (WIN); the HomelessCare Program; Office Based Opioid Treatment, Perinatal Program; and Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

OUR PATIENTS

The Health Center serves men, women and children of all ages, races and ethnicities (the majority representing Latino and other minority groups). Furthermore, individuals and families living in public housing or in Section 8 units in the South End and surrounding neighborhoods receive comprehensive coordinated care at SECHC.

According to the 2010 Census, the South End population is significantly poorer than residents of the city of Boston as a whole. Nearly 33% have a household income 100% below the federal poverty guidelines (FPG), the fourth highest percentage among the 16 neighborhoods of Boston; 48.14% of the population lives below 200% of FPG.

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