



CHOOSE Health: A Community Health Worker Program







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The Problem

- Emergency Rooms are the least effective way for people with routine or chronic health conditions to be treated
- There are more than 300,000 preventable emergency department (ED) visits in Greater Atlanta each year
- The cost of emergency room care is staggering: approximately \$1,500 per visit
- Preventable ED visits add up to \$450 million in excess health care cost.



Atlanta Safety Net Collaborative



Overview

- A partnership between The Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta, United Way of Greater Atlanta, funders within the State of Georgia and private philanthropies
- Goal: Bridge the gap between community-based providers (FQHCs, community health centers, free clinics, etc.) and larger health systems in Metro Atlanta (Emory, Grady, Piedmont, etc.)
- Outcome: Increase the quality and effectiveness of care and services for the uninsured and the underinsured, at a more affordable cost.



Results of the Safety Net

Collaboration

Care Coordination

ACA Education and Enrollment

Patient Navigator Program

Connection to FQHCs

Reduction of ER utilization

Need for additional services

CHW Pilot

Decreased medical cost



Our Solution: Community Health Workers (CHWs)

- The United Way partners with local hospitals and health centers to employ Community Health Workers
- CHWs work with patients to improve health outcomes and prevent unnecessary returns to the hospital
- CHWs provide in-home health education, assist patients with managing appointments and accessing critical social service needs
- Our CHWs know how to navigate complicated health systems—they appropriately advocate for their patients' care.



The Goals of CHOOSE Health

 Increase patients access to care-linking patients to a primary medical home

Reduce re-admission rates for patients with chronic conditions

Empower patients to self manage their chronic conditions

Improve overall patient health outcomes



CHOOSE Health Program Partners

- Grady Hospital
- Southside Medical Center
- Oakhurst Medical Center
- Saint Joseph's Mercy Care Services
- The Family Health Centers of Georgia, Inc.



Our Results

83.9%

Patients reduced ER visits while in the program

84.8%

Patients maintain zero readmission rate while in the program

56.5%

Decrease in Readmission Healthcare Expenditures JC, a 58 yr. old male with a history of diabetes, congested heart failure, Venus Stasis Ulcer:

- No insurance
- Frequent utilizer of ER services
- Edema of the feet(could not wear shoes) and groin

Interventions with CHW:

- Compliance with PCP appointments
 - Medication adherence counseling
 - Assistance with disability and Medicaid Spend Down Application

Results:

- Reduced edema (patient can wear closed toe shoes and jeans)
- Medicaid spend down reduction of hospital cost by \$100, 000



CHWs in the Community

United Way Hospital 2 Home Program

Diabetes Peer Education: Bethlehem Senior Center

Recipient: Walmart Community Grant

 Conference Roundtable Presentation: 2015 UNITY Community Health Worker Conference-Memphis, TN





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