

Who We Are

The REACH Healthcare Foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to improving access to quality health care for uninsured and medically underserved people.

The Foundation was established in 2003 with proceeds from the purchase of Health Midwest, a nonprofit hospital and health care organization, by Hospital Corporation of America.

Where We Work

The Foundation's funding area encompasses six counties – Allen, Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas, and Cass, Jackson and Lafayette counties in Missouri, and the city of Kansas City, Missouri.

What We Do

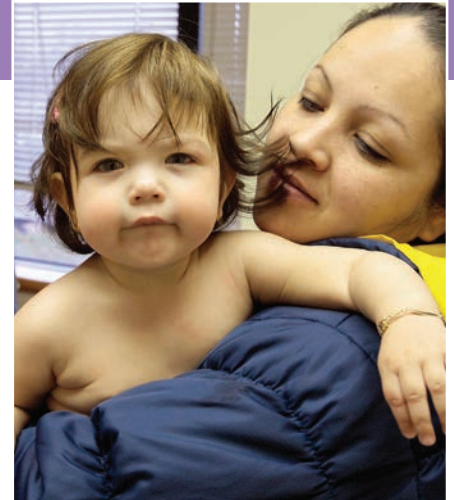
The REACH Foundation invests in programs, organizational capacity, advocacy and community collaboration aimed at achieving our primary goals – increasing access to health care, and improving the quality of health services. We direct our financial resources in three areas – oral health, mental health and safety net health services. We also support initiatives to address larger, health system improvements. These include cultural competency to improve health equity, the medical home model of care, access to oral health care in underserved communities and innovations in rural health care delivery.

How We Operate

The Foundation issues grant guidelines each year that describe our grantmaking priorities. We hold one competitive grant cycle annually for program and core operating grants. In addition, we award capacity grants and discretionary grants throughout the year. Grant opportunities and deadlines are posted on our web site: www.reachhealth.org.

To Learn More

The REACH Foundation is governed by a 17-member Board of Directors, with daily operations managed by a staff of eight. We welcome your ideas and inquiries.



OUR VISION

*All poor and underserved people
in our community will have
quality health care.*

OUR MISSION

*To inform and educate the public
and facilitate access to
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2013 Policy Priorities for Kansas and Missouri

Medicaid Expansion

The REACH Foundation supports expansion of the Medicaid programs in Kansas and Missouri to provide health care coverage to uninsured adults up to 133% of poverty. Medicaid expansion creates the possibility of providing affordable health care coverage to approximately 385,000 low-income, uninsured adults in Kansas and Missouri who currently do not qualify for Medicaid.

Oral Health Workforce

The REACH Foundation supports efforts to increase the oral health workforce in Kansas and Missouri to address the states' severe oral health care shortages.

In Kansas, we support legislation to establish the Registered Dental Practitioner as an innovative solution for addressing dental workforce shortages across the state.

In Missouri, we support efforts to use dental professionals to the fullest extent of their training, expand the scope of practice and sites of practice for dental hygienists, and explore other promising solutions.

Expansion of the Medical Home Model

The REACH Foundation supports state investments in Kansas and Missouri to advance implementation of the medical home, or health home, model of patient care. The medical home and health home models place a priority on preventive services, care management/coordination, team-based care and patient engagement in care – practices that support better health outcomes.

KanCare Oversight

The REACH Foundation supports a structured program of legislative and consumer oversight of KanCare, Kansas' Medicaid program. Approximately 380,000 Kansans participate in Medicaid today, and many more will potentially join the system in 2014. It is essential that the Legislature establish a monitoring system that includes timely analysis, consumer feedback and regular reporting to protect consumers and identify areas for improvement.

The REACH Foundation supports advocacy efforts and governmental actions to expand health care access and improve health care quality for the people living in our bi-state service area.



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