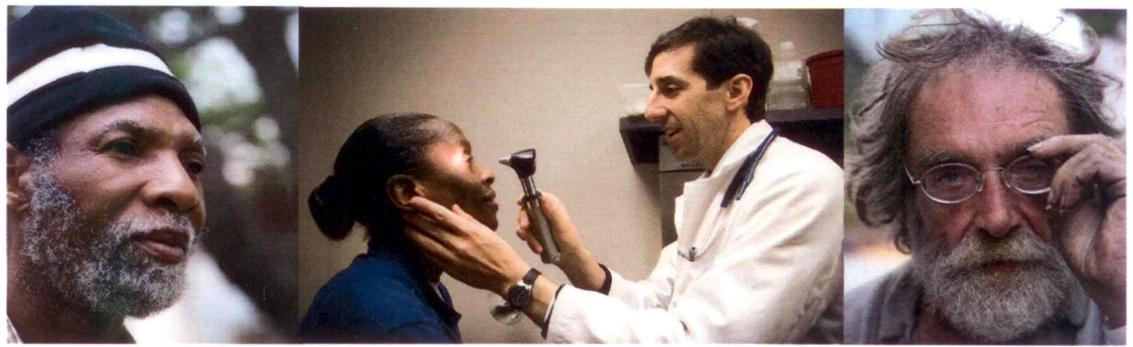




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ABOUT HEALTHCARE FOR THE HOMELESS – HOUSTON

The mission of Healthcare for the Homeless – Houston (HHH) is to promote health, hope and dignity for Houston's homeless through accessible and comprehensive care.

Healthcare for the Homeless – Houston is the city's largest, private healthcare provider of services designed exclusively for homeless men, women, and children and was deemed Houston's third Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).

BRIEF HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT

- In 1997, David S. Buck, M.D., M.P.H. was recruited to Baylor College of Medicine to develop an underserved/urban track in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and to assume the responsibilities of Medical Director of the SEARCH clinic.
- In 1998, Frances Isbell, M.A. was hired to develop working relationships with community-based service agencies for the homeless, along with public and private referral agencies.
- In May 1999, a large number of area service agencies for the homeless began to meet on a regular basis and formed a consortium of agencies and healthcare providers dedicated to providing comprehensive, coordinated healthcare for the homeless. This consortium, including homeless ombudsmen, serves as the Advisory Council to Healthcare for the Homeless—Houston.
- The initial meeting of the HHH Board of Directors was held on September 28, 2000. Bylaws of the organization were adopted and officers of the Board elected.
- Healthcare for the Homeless – Houston was granted 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service as a nonprofit corporation on February 14, 2001, and began operating independently on April 1, 2001.
- In August 2002, HHH was awarded Federally Qualified Health Center status by the Bureau of Primary Health Care, through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

PROGRAMS Healthcare for the Homeless – Houston provides these closely inter-related programs:

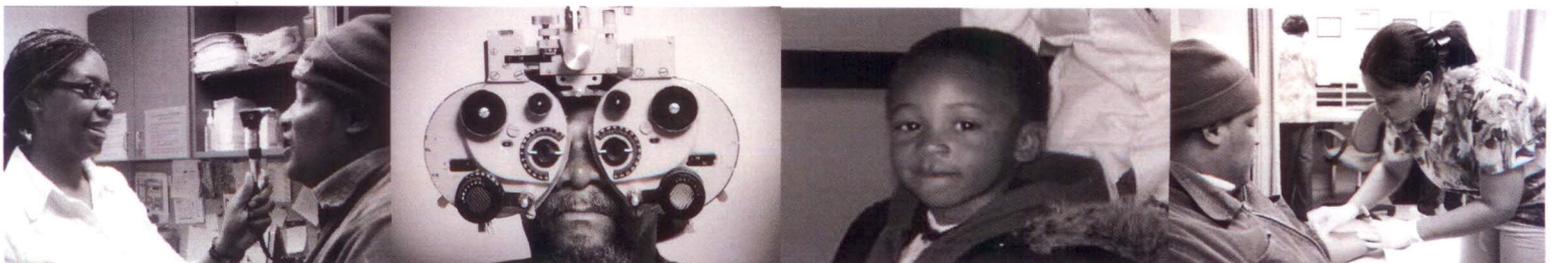
- **Shelter Clinics:** Three clinics provide primary medical care, psychiatry and mental health counseling, case management, substance abuse counseling, and vision fairs (twice per year). Located at SEARCH, Star of Hope Men's Development Center and Dunn Outreach Center of Christ Church Cathedral.
- **Street Medicine:** HHH provides medical street outreach for chronically homeless people Monday—Friday at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church.
- **HOMES:** A student-run free clinic is staffed by volunteer students from Baylor College of Medicine, UT–Houston Health Science Center and UH College of Pharmacy and UH Graduate College of Social Work.
- **Dental Clinic:** HHH offers comprehensive dental care at no cost to homeless men and women at the three-operatory clinic through referrals from the HHH medical clinics.
- **Project Access:** HHH's transportation program links Houston's homeless population with shelters and health/social service resources, according to a scheduled route Monday—Friday.
- **Jail Inreach Project:** Continuity of care for homeless, mentally ill jail releasees curbs rearrest rates and offers intensive case management, psychiatry and mental health services.
- **Women and Children's Clinic:** One day per week, HHH provides primary care for women and children in a confidential and secure environment.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Board of Directors: Advises and directs HHH in promoting the mission of the organization through strategic planning, fiscal oversight, program planning, governance and risk management, fund development and marketing.

Advisory Council: Representatives from 31 community-based, homeless service and healthcare agencies and homeless/formerly homeless consumers identify healthcare-related needs and gaps for strategic planning and operation.

CHANGE Committee: Homeless/formerly homeless consumer representatives serves as advocates and advisors to the Board with regard to healthcare programming and related services.



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