

# **Georgetown University**

## **Center for Trauma and the Community**

### ***Community Partners***

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**Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County, MD.** Montgomery County is the largest jurisdiction in Maryland, and it has the largest concentration of Latinos in the greater DC area and the largest minority population in the state of Maryland. The minority population is approximately 12% Latino (mostly from Central and South America), 12% Asian and Pacific Islanders, and 12% African American. Almost 25% of public school children qualify to receive free or reduced meals, and these same children speak more than 150 different languages. There are an estimated 80,000 adults in the county without health insurance, many of whom experience psychosocial stressors associated with poverty, language deficiencies, immigration, and social isolation. Many immigrants originate from war-torn countries. The Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County, Inc. was established in 1993 to provide access to high quality, culturally sensitive, primary and specialty care services for low-income uninsured children and adults in Montgomery County.

In 2001, the Montgomery County Council committed to funding a "system of primary care" through the Primary Care Coalition. In December 2004, the Montgomery County Executive and County Council announced long-term support for *Montgomery Cares*, a Coalition program to expand access to care to 40,000 presently uninsured people through a network of community clinics. Demonstration projects in dental health, and in mental health (in collaboration with Georgetown University), have been funded and are being mounted.

**Greater Baden Medical Services Inc.** Greater Baden is a federally qualified 501(c)(3) healthcare system that was founded in 1972. The system serves communities in southern Prince George's County, Charles County, and St. Mary's County Maryland through 5 clinics that provide primary health services and facilitate health promotion/disease prevention activities, regardless of ability to pay, and serves as the safety net provider for Southern Maryland. Approximately 60% are uninsured, 30% have Medicare/Medicaid, and only 8% have private insurance. The patients served are 66% African American, 21% White, 10% Latino, and 3% other. GBMS is a member of the Bureau of Primary Care's Health Disparities Collaborative, and uses the Chronic Care Model as an operational framework.

**Unity Health Care, Inc.**, Washington, DC, is the largest private organization providing primary medical care to low-income, uninsured District of Columbia residents. A 501(c)(3), private, nonprofit agency, Unity operates health centers established under Section 330(h) Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance and 330(e) of the US Public Health Services Act, and provides high quality and culturally responsible primary health care to the city's indigent, uninsured, and

underserved. Fifty seven percent of Unity's patients were uninsured, with the rest covered by Medicaid (7%), Medicare (4%), other public insurance (30%), and private insurance (1%). Seventy-four percent of Unity clients were Black, 21% Hispanic, 1% Asian, 1% white, and 3% unknown. Unity has many longstanding relationships with the District's academic health centers, and helps to train medical students, nursing students, physician assistants, and medical residents.

**Prince George's Health Department, MD** - Within the Division of Maternal and Child health, services include such services as clinics for immunizations, maternity care for the uninsured, family planning, and dentistry for pregnant women and children; home visiting and perinatal case management; WIC; the Health Teens Center program, which provides comprehensive wellness programs including family planning services to teens; and Healthline, a 1-800 line for information and referral for pregnant women and children who are in need of health care services. The County's population is best characterized by its cultural and ethnic diversity, with African Americans making up approximately 56 percent of the population, Whites account for 34.4% and Hispanics 4.9%. The remaining populations are a mix of Asians/Pacific Islanders, Africans, Haitians other Caribbeans, South Americans and others.

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