



Our Scope

The Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) model -codified in the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014- enables providers to expand their scope of community-based mental health and substance use services by providing a Medicaid reimbursement rate based on their anticipated costs of service expansion.

New York State (NYS) was one of the first eight states selected to implement a CCBHC demonstration program, which launched in 2017. Acacia Network as part of PROMESA, was one of the first five providers in New York City to operate a CCBHC.



Impact: Since March 2020, Acacia Network's CCBHC has served over 1,500 unique clients at our clinic, a 21 percent increase since it opened in 2017.



Geographic Scope: Acacia currently operates one CCBHC program at our Westchester Avenue Family Health Care Center in the Bronx, and we are expanding services at our Community Association of Progressive Dominicans (ACDP) outpatient mental health clinic in Washington Heights through a SAMHSA CCBHC expansion grant.



Demographics: 84% of those we serve are Latino or Black and 70 percent receive Medicaid benefits.

Our Programs and Services

The Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Act demonstration established a federal definition and criteria for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs). The CCBHC Model is designed to provide a comprehensive range of mental health and substance use disorder services to vulnerable individuals, including:

Integrated, Culturally Competent, 24/7 Care
All CCBHCs ensure easy access to integrated, evidence-based, culturally competent services, including 24/7 crisis response and medication-assisted treatment, which is the gold standard to treat opioid use disorder. The increased access to integrated, one-stop care helps to reduce emergency room visits and psychiatric hospitalizations, leading to better patient outcomes and lower costs.

High-Quality Delivery of Services
CCBHCs meet stringent criteria for timeliness of access, quality reporting, staffing and coordination with additional services and supports. The elevated services are possible because CCBHCs receive Medicaid funding to support the real costs of expanding services to fully meet the need for care in underserved communities. At Acacia Network, the CCBHC model has translated into extended hours, more clinicians and case managers, increased access to diverse services and medications, and improved population health for people who might require additional, specialized services, such as children and veterans.

Immediate Screening and Risk Assessment
CCBHCs provide immediate screening to determine the mental health, addiction, and basic primary care needs of the individuals who seek care in order to address any existing co-morbidities, coordinate integrated access to care, improve outcomes, streamline services, and reduce costs. This also assures a reduced wait time so those who need services can receive them when they need them.

Access to Care in Underserved Communities
More than 430 CCBHCs are presently operating in 42 states, plus Washington, D.C. and Guam. Acacia Network was one of the first five providers in New York City to operate a CCBHC through our affiliate, PROMESA, at our Westchester Avenue Family Health Care Center in the Bronx. We will soon expand services at our Community Association of Progressive Dominicans (ACDP) outpatient mental health clinic in Washington Heights, thanks to a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) CCBHC expansion grant.