

Department of Mental Health – Act 82 Working Meeting
Act 82 (S.133) An act relating to examining mental health care and care coordination.
Thursday, August 17, 2017

Vermont’s federally qualified health centers are committed to the delivery of integrated primary care, mental health, substance use disorder, pharmacy and dental services.

- As of January 2017, Vermont’s FQHCs provide care in every county of the state.
- There are approximately 80 behavioral health providers across the FQHCs and they provided approximately 77,000 behavioral health visits in 2016.*
- Most of the federally qualified health centers provide medication assisted therapy services.

What are FQHCs?

- Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) are health care practices that have a mission to provide high quality, comprehensive primary care and preventive services regardless of their patients’ ability to pay or insurance coverage. FQHCs must successfully compete in a national competition for FQHC designation and funding. Additionally, they must be located in federally-designated medically underserved areas and/or serve federally-designated medically underserved populations.

Bi-State Primary Care Association

Bi-State Primary Care Association was established in 1986 to serve Vermont and New Hampshire. Bi-State is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization that promotes access to effective and affordable primary care and preventive services for all, with special emphasis on underserved populations in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Bi-State members include federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), community health centers (CHCs), rural health clinics (RHCs), private and hospital-supported primary care practices, community action programs, area health education centers (AHEC), clinics for the uninsured, Planned Parenthood and social service agencies.

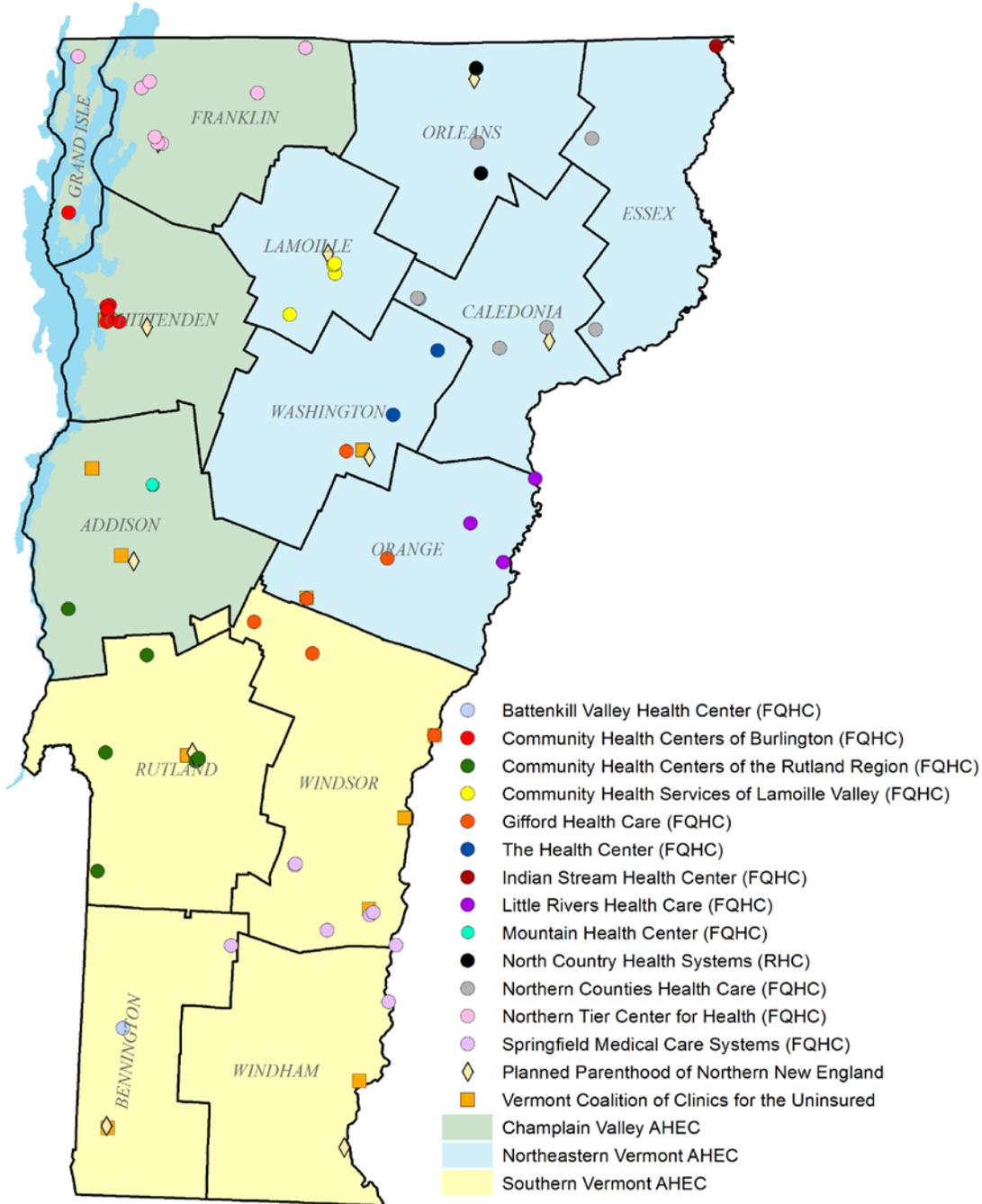
Bi-State works with federal, state, and regional health policy organizations, foundations, and payers to develop strategies, policies, and programs that provide and support community-based primary health care services in medically underserved areas.

Bi-State’s nonprofit recruitment center provides workforce assistance and candidate referrals to FQHCs, RHCs, and private and hospital-sponsored physician practices throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. The recruitment center focuses on recruiting and retaining primary care providers including physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants.

For more information on Bi-State PCA and its members, please contact Lori Real, EVP/COO, at lreal@bistatepca.org. Effective August 21st, please contact Georgia Maheras, Director of Public Policy, at gmaheras@bistatepca.org.

Bi-State Primary Care Association Member Map

Our members provide care to Vermonters at 90 sites across every county.



Please note some sites overlap due to similar street addresses. Additionally, one SMCS practice is located in Charlestown, NH, and ISHC's main site is located in Colebrook, NH. 12/2016