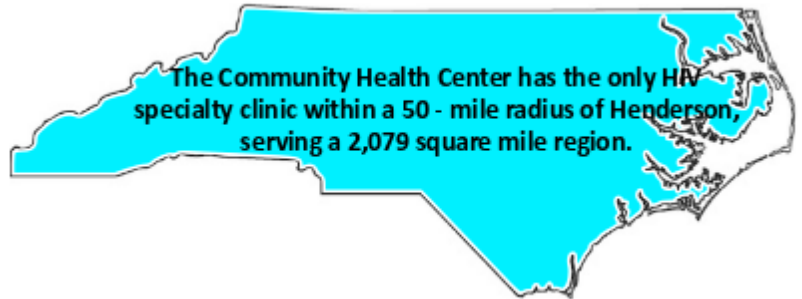


# Warren-Vance Community Health Center – Northern Outreach Clinic, Henderson, NC

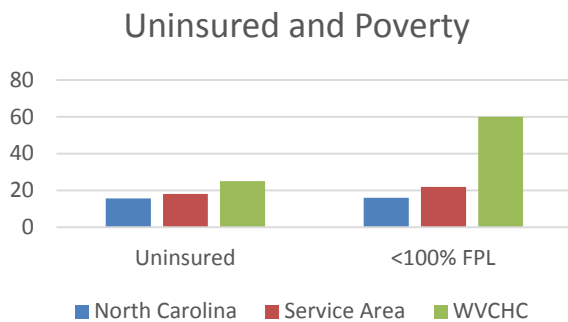
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## About WVCHC:

Since 1997 the Warren-Vance Community Health Center (WVCHC) has provided a comprehensive continuum of primary care and specialty services for nearly 300 adolescent and adults living with HIV/AIDS in Vance, Granville, Warren, Halifax and Franklin Counties. No one is denied medical care or support services because of the inability to pay; medical care and support services are given without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, gender identification or sexual preference.



## Our Work:



Our population is 86% African American, 13% White and 1% Hispanic: Hepatitis C Co-infection at 7.5%, a growing Transgender population. The Clinic population is 60% Male and 53% of them are MSM. The Clinic's targeted rural, minority population have very limited resources. **In its 25th anniversary report on AIDS, Newsweek featured WVCHC - highlighting the growing AIDS epidemic in the black community, particularly southern, impoverished, rural North Carolina. In addition, journalist, Dan Rather featured WVCHC in its documentary, "Its A Southern Thing." The documentary highlights the disparities and paucity of resources in the rural south.**

**Ryan White Part B and C funding** provides primary medical and dental care, as well as an on-site 340b pharmacy. The Clinic is closely linked with community-based organizations that provide risk-reduction, prevention, testing and counseling services for HIV/AIDS as well as for many of the chronic diseases that are prevalent in these rural communities. WVCHC has formed an alliance with the Health Department for Granville and Vance Counties to provide a health care safety network so that uninsured patients have access to specialty services.

## Current Challenges:

- Increase in late HIV diagnosis
- 1 in 3 new diagnosis are young black men
- Demand has outpaced funding levels
- Severe shortage of providers in MUSA (Medically Underserved Area)
- High increase in # patients with food insecurity
- The need for **Medicaid Expansion**

## Clinical Outcomes for WVCHC:

- **80% viral load suppression**
- Clean needle exchange and naloxone distribution
- Close partnerships with area county jails and substance abuse facilities for testing
- Clinic food bank for indigent patients with food insecurity; food is medicine for these patients
- Provide online Outreach to enhance retention
- In house mental health counseling and GYN services