



VERMONT COALITION OF CLINICS FOR THE UNINSURED

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Vermont Free Clinic Annual Report Summary 2018

In 2018, we assisted 7,902 Vermonters, which was a slight increase over 2017, and a 35% increase since 2010.

For these patients, we provided:

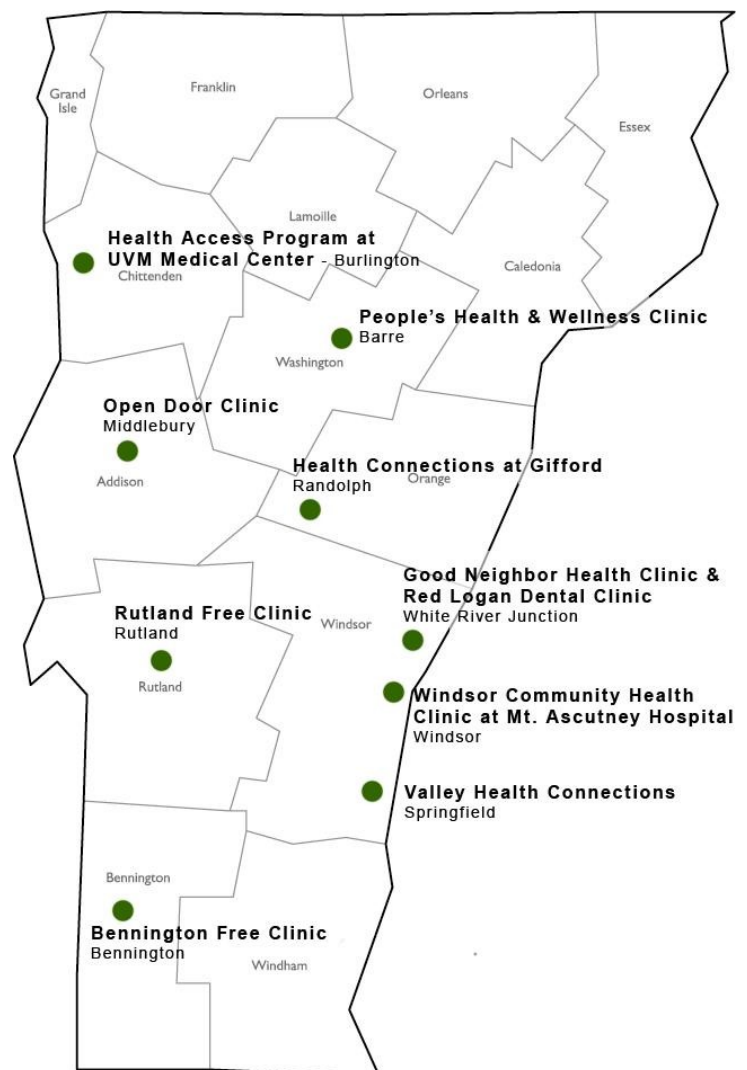
- 4,880 medical and dental visits
- 22,000 other services, such as referrals, free medications, or assistance with Medicaid or insurance enrollment

The value of these services in avoided Emergency Room and hospitalization charges is an estimated \$7.5 million.

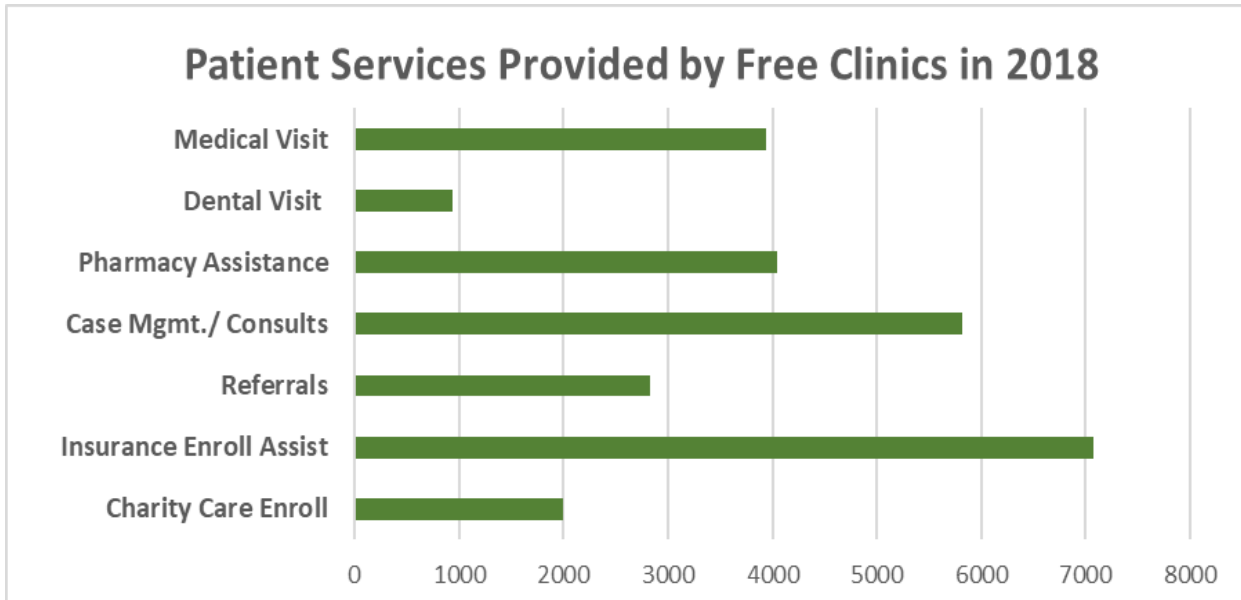
Who are our patients? In 2018:

- 39% were uninsured
- 36% reported delaying care
- 40% of our patients were NEW, meaning they had not been to our clinics before
- Most were employed
- Most were at least high school graduates
- Most came to us on the referral of a health care provider or friends/

Since 1997, free clinics have served over 64,000 Vermonters. Since 2007, we have seen a 94% increase in the number of Vermonters we serve.



Our mission is to support member free clinics in Vermont that identify gaps and provide access to care, via onsite or by referral services, to uninsured and under-insured people.



The Vermont Coalition of Clinics for the Uninsured (VCCU) is an association of nine free clinic programs, four of which also include dental programs, that provide care on site or by referral, and enrollment assistance free of charge to Vermonters without adequate medical and dental insurance. The clinics are located throughout the state and are supported by the tremendous work of volunteers, community hospitals, local fund-raising and an annual grant from the State of Vermont.

The programs help eligible people enroll in any of the Vermont Health Connect programs, including Medicaid, Dr. Dynasaur, BCBS and MVP, and if appropriate, provide health care either onsite or by referral until that program takes over. They also provide assistance with prescriptions, sliding fee scales, hospital charity care programs and other health needs.

There is never a charge or a fee for any of the services we provide. We leverage all the funding we receive with \$3.2 million dollars of in-kind support from local hospitals, providers, and volunteers (see table below). In-kind services include medical and dental care, clinic facilities, x-rays, lab tests, free medications, and dental equipment.

Who Provided Free Clinic Services in 2018?	
Many Volunteers	
75 MDs (medical)	6 Dental Hygienists/ Asst.
8 MDs (psych)	11 Mental Health Professionals
32 DMDs (dentistry)	47 Medical and Dental Students
55 RNs	60 Medical Interpreters
39 Mid-levels (NP, MA, EMT, etc.)	319 Other Volunteers
Organized and assisted by 30 paid staff	