

# RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION

## CREATING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS; INSPIRING COMMUNITY ACTION



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As the largest health foundation in the Inland Empire, the Riverside Community Health Foundation has provided more than \$38 million in grants and programs since 1997. Funding and services have been provided to:

- Increase access to quality care through community clinics
- Increase awareness and understanding of health care
- Reduce teen pregnancy
- Increase access to oral health care
- Identify and support successful models for serving uninsured and low-income residents
- Support community-based advocacy and policy development

Central to the Foundation's success have been our engagement with the communities we serve and our many ongoing partnerships. In the spirit of working together with our diverse population, Riverside Community Health Foundation has placed a priority of support on collaborative efforts among community leadership and organizations for the purpose of encouraging access. Our current strategic-partnership initiatives include:

**Riverside Community Diabetes Collaborative:** The mission of the Riverside Community Diabetes Collaborative (RCDC) is to strengthen community programs and services for the prevention and management of diabetes in Riverside. RCDC brings together over 40 local organizations concerned with diabetes to serve as a hub for information on diabetes-related concerns and programs within the community.

**Inland Empire Coalition for Health:** The role of the Inland Empire Coalition for Health is to help identify specific health concerns in Riverside that can be addressed or mitigated through changes in policy. The coalition is comprised of 150 representatives from the health care, philanthropic, public policy, and provider organizations, as well as educational institutions, businesses, public sector agencies, and other interested parties.

**Inland Empire Health Educators Alliance:** Created this year, the Health Educators Alliance is made up of over 50 Health Educators from the Inland Empire area. The goal of the Alliance is to expand and improve health education and prevention.

**Riverside Challenges of Youth Coalition:** Riverside Challenges of Youth Coalition's (RCOYC) mission is to improve the health and well-being of Riverside teens. Twenty-six agencies are represented in RCOYC, which strives to raise teen pregnancy awareness, as well as address other health and safety issues teens face today.

**Community Health Advisory:** The Foundation's Community Health Advisory is comprised of 50 members from other non-profits, schools, and governmental agencies who share our mission to improve the health and well-being of our community. The Advisory meets twice a year to provide the Foundation with feedback on our programs, as well as provide further insight into community health needs.

Strategic partnerships are vital to long-term impact. To learn more about partnering with RCHF please give us a call. Our strategic-partnership initiatives are only one part of our community outreach and involvement. To learn more about our health education programs, community clinics, and grantmaking program please visit our website, [rchf.org](http://rchf.org).