



Audubon Area Community Services, Inc. in a collaborative partnership with Owensboro Health Regional Health System, designed a HRSA 330 Public funded Federally Funded Health Center for the Homeless Program. **Audubon Area Community Care Clinic**, a Federally Qualified

Health Center, opened in April 2017, it is the area's only Healthcare for the Homeless (HCH) clinic to meet the vast, complex healthcare needs of the region's most vulnerable citizens in Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, Ohio, McLean, and Union Counties.

This health care home/access to care point was created for individuals lacking in Primary Health Care including the homeless, low-income, and precariously housed in the service region because there was not an access point other than emergency Rooms. Audubon Area Community Services goal is to improve the community health care outcomes for all citizens in the region. Without the creation of this clinic, marginalized populations had no other health care access point to manage chronic health care conditions.



CSBG funding was utilized through this initiative paying for the administrative salary of the Chief Operations Officer, as well as up front operational costs for supplies and an electronic health record and scheduling program to be utilized in the clinic. CSBG outreach staff refer clients to the Health Center and there are integration points throughout all programs in the agency. In addition, as part of a larger Community Action Program, patients of the health care center can quickly access supportive services that improve outcomes associated with social determinates of health issues and improve their overall health and other areas of life.

This model can be replicated, as it was designed based another practice operated by Kentucky River Foothills Area Development - another Community Action Agency in Kentucky. By seeking similar funding through the HRSA and following a similar design plan, Audubon Area Community Services was able to create their clinic and impact their target population.

In Fiscal Year 2020, despite COVID-19 pandemic impacts, the clinic was able to serve 801 unique patients through 1,773 face-to-face medical visits, 124 telehealth visits, and 292 mental health and substance abuse disorder visits. In addition, to better serve our unique patient population, the clinic implemented modified COVID-19 drive-thru testing, and mobilized a COVID-19 testing team that dispatched throughout the service region to complete rapid COVID-19 testing to homeless shelters and senior living communities, who might not otherwise be able to access care. In late 2020, the clinic became an approved COVID-19 vaccination provider in the area. To date, the clinic has delivered 255 doses of vaccine to the targeted patients and marginalized of the region to offset the impacts of COVID-19 and help patients live healthier and safer lives!