# SERVICE CORPS

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Congratulations and Welcome!
Thank You for your
dedication and commitment to the
National Health Service Corps.





### **Orientation Overview**

- The Corps: Where We Fit In
- National Health Service Corps
  - Mission
  - Past, Present and Future
- Program Detail
- Modernization of the Corps
- Resources and Contacts



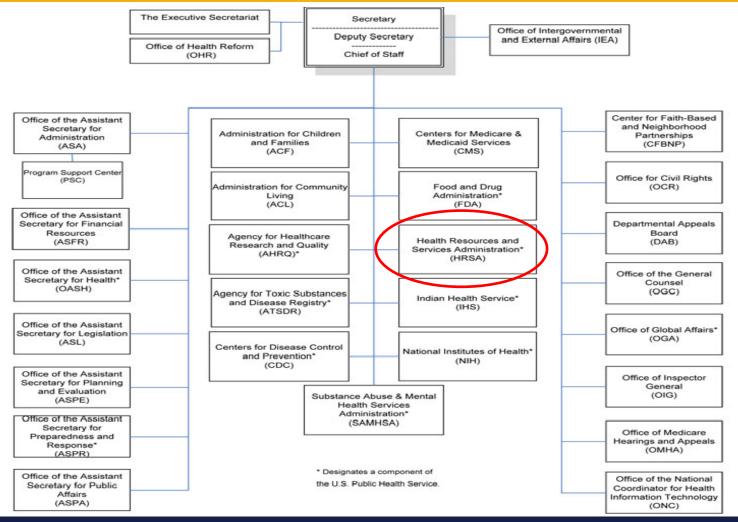


# THE CORPS: WHERE WE FIT IN





# U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

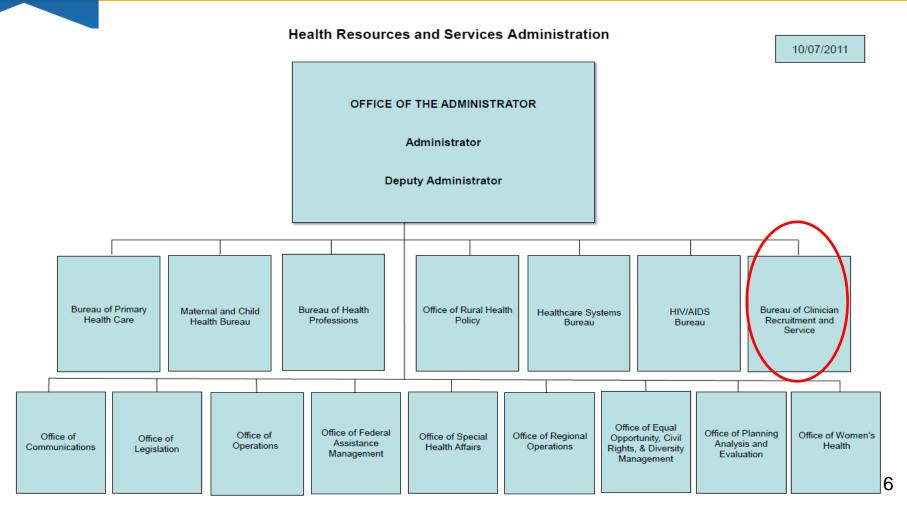








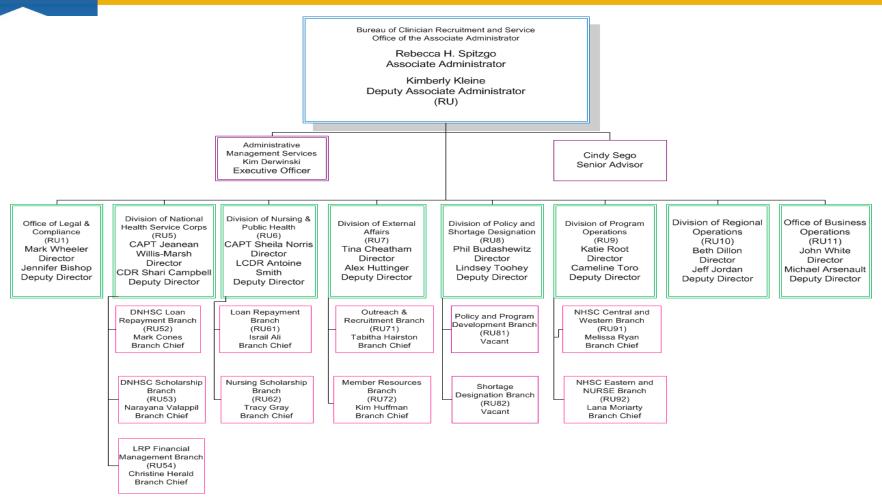
# Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)







# Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service (BCRS)









# Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service (BCRS) Mission

To improve the health of the Nation's underserved communities and vulnerable populations by coordinating the recruitment and retention of caring health professionals in the healthcare system and supporting communities' efforts to build more integrated and sustainable systems of care.





# **BCRS Programs**

Loan Repayment	Scholarship
National Health Service Corps (NHSC)	National Health Service Corps (NHSC)
NURSE Corps Loan Repayment	NURSE Corps Scholarship
Faculty Loan Repayment Program (FLRP)	Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program
State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)	
Students to Service (S2S)	





## NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS





#### **NHSC Mission**

Build healthier communities by supporting qualified health care providers dedicated to working in areas of the U.S. with limited access to care.

- Improve the health of the Nation's underserved
- Increase access to primary health care services
- Provide quality, culturally competent care to those most in need
- Develop community leaders







### The Beginning of NHSC

- NHSC was created in response to health care crises that emerged in the U.S. in the 1950's and 1960's.
- More physicians retired, leaving many areas of the country without medical services.
- Rural states appealed to Congress for help, thus establishing what is now known as the National Health Service Corps.



## **Recent Expansion**

- Significant Program Expansion (2009-2011)
  - \$300 million in expansion funds for the NHSC from the Recovery Act of 2009
    - 4,100+ New Loan Repayment Awards
    - 250+ Scholarship Awards
- Affordable Care Act (ACA) authorizes and appropriates \$1.5 billion for the NHSC through 2015.
  - FY2011: \$290 million
  - FY2012: \$295 million
  - FY2013: \$300 million
  - FY2014: \$305 million
  - FY2015: \$310 million





### **ACA Authorizes Additional Changes to NHSC**

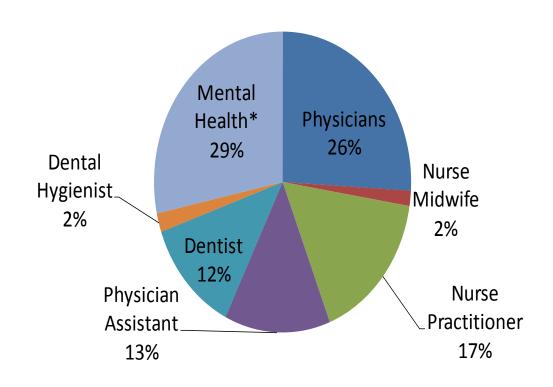
- Increasing the maximum initial full-time loan repayment award from \$50,000 to up to \$60,000.
- Establishes permanent half-time service opportunities for NHSC scholars and loan repayors with the creation of 2 and 4 year contracts for the Loan Repayment Program.
- NHSC participants may now receive up to 20 percent service credit for teaching (and up to 50 percent in future Teaching Health Centers).





## **NHSC Today**

- NHSC family consist of nearly 10,000 clinicians currently serving
- More than 30,000 clinicians have serve as Corps members

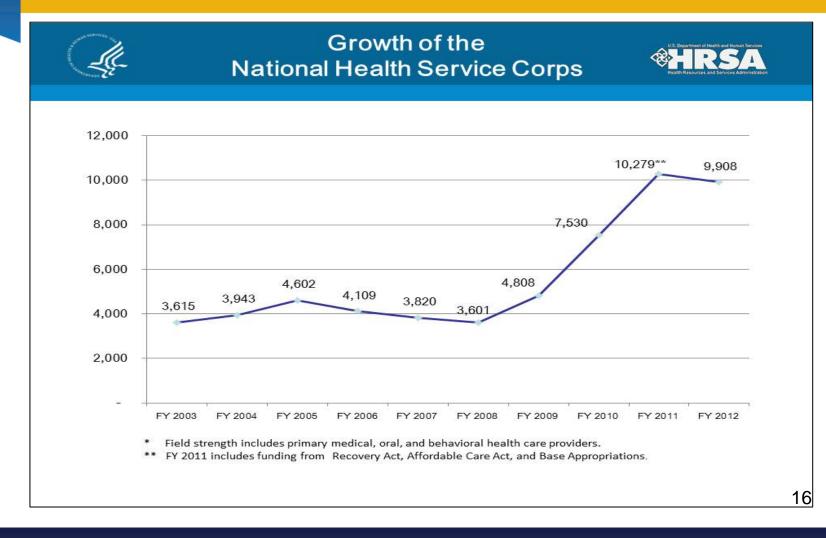


\*Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Psychiatric Nurse Specialists, Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Professional Counselors





# **NHSC Field Strength**









# **PROGRAM DETAIL**





## **NHSC Programs**

- Loan repayment program (LRP)
  - offers tax-free loan repayment for qualifying educational loans, in addition to a salary provided by site
  - FY2013 application cycle opens January 8, 2013 and will close March 21, 2013
- Scholarship program (SP)
  - pays tuition, required fees, and other education costs for as many as four years tax-free, stipends are taxable
  - 2013 application cycle will open March 5, 2013 and will close May 2, 2013





# **Loan Repayment Program**

Financial Benefits	<ul> <li>Up to \$60,000 for two years of full time service;</li> <li>four year commitment for part time service</li> </ul>
	• Up to \$140,000 for completing a five year service commitment
	<ul> <li>Option to pay off all student loans for service beyond five years</li> </ul>
Where Members Serve	NHSC-approved site
Application Requirements	U.S. citizen or U.S. national
Tax Liability	Not taxable





# **Scholarship Program**

Financial Benefits	<ul> <li>Funding for a maximum of four years including:</li> <li>Payment of tuition and required fees (non-taxable)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Other educational costs (books, etc.)</li> <li>A monthly living stipend (taxable)</li> </ul>
Service Commitment	<ul> <li>1-year service commitment per scholarship year for full time students</li> <li>2-year minimum, 4-year maximum commitment</li> </ul>
Where Members Serve	NHSC-approved site
Application Requirements	U.S. citizen or U.S. national





## **Eligible Disciplines**

- Primary Care Physicians
- Primary Care Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants
- Certified Nurse Midwives
- Dentists
- Dental Hygienists
- Psychiatric Nurse Specialists
- Health Service Psychologists
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Licensed Professional Counselors
- Marriage and Family Therapists





#### **NHSC Sites**

- Provide comprehensive primary care medicine, primary care dentistry and/or primary care mental and behavioral health services
- Ensure access to ancillary, inpatient and specialty referrals
- To qualify sites must:
  - Be located in a HPSA (Health Professional Shortage Area)
  - Provide services on a discounted fee schedule
  - Accept patients covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program
  - Document sound fiscal management
  - Have the capacity to maintain a competitive salary, benefits, and malpractice coverage package for clinicians





### Types of NHSC Sites

- Federally-qualified health center & look-alike
- Certified rural health clinic
- Indian Health Service site (Federal or Tribal)
- Solo and group partnership or practice
- Public health department
- Hospital-affiliated primary care practice
- State or Federal prison
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement site
- Ryan White HIV/AIDS Clinic



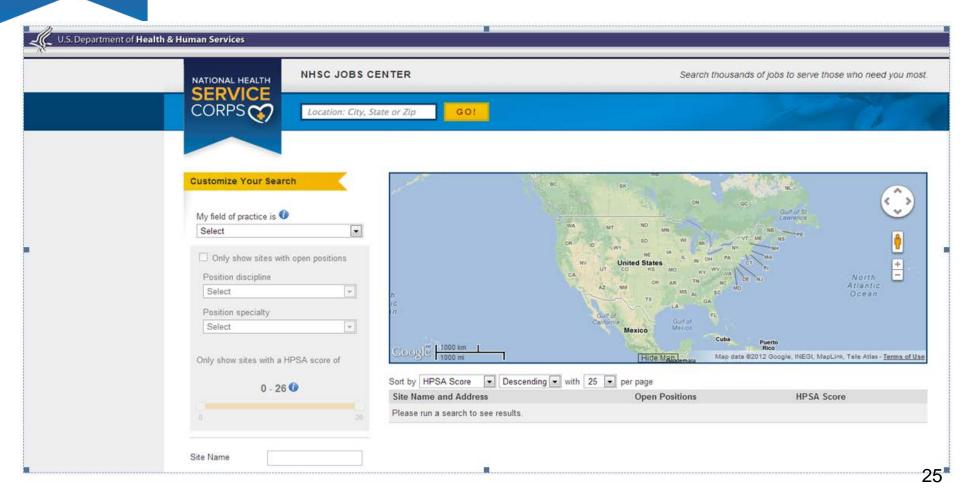


## **MODERNIZATION OF THE CORPS**





#### **NHSC Job Center**









### PrimaryCareforAll.hrsa.gov

- Re-launched from .org to .gov September
- In FY12, PrimaryCareforAll.hrsa.gov hosted:
- 38 webinars (18 live; 20 on demand)
  - 290 participants took part in live webinars
  - 353 CE's were awarded for participation in live and on-demand webinars
  - Topics included: primary care for patients with HIV, treatment of chronic pain, care coordination, and integrative medicine in women's health
- 27 coffee shop discussions





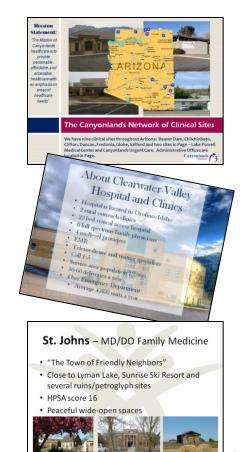




## NHSC Virtual Job Fairs (VJF)

Leveraging existing technology to give NHSC sites cost-effective opportunity to promote job openings to primary care medical providers interested in serving communities with limited access to care.

In 2013, planning additional VJFs to replace the recruitment fair at the Scholar Placement Conference.







# **RESOURCES**





#### Website/Social Media Information

#### **NHSC Website**

http://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/

#### **Primary Care For All**

https://primarycareforall.hrsa.gov/

#### **Facebook**

https://www.facebook.com/nationalhealthservicecorps

#### YouTube

http://www.youtube.com/hrsatube





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