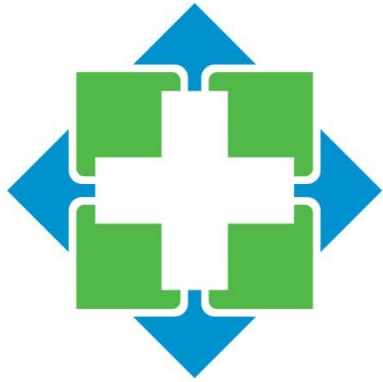


# **The Impact of Funding Reductions and the Current Level of Support for Mental Health Services as Provided in Community Health Centers**



# Access Health Louisiana

Your Community Healthcare Network

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National Professional Organization.



# Community Health Centers Save Money

- They save \$24 billion a year in reduced overall costs from hospitalizations and visits to the emergency room
- They created more than 230,000 jobs in 2012, a 22% increase since 2009
- During the George Bush Administration, the Office of Management and Budget ( OMB) gave Community Health Centers three stars– the highest rating possible– as an effective federal program





# Community Health Centers Deliver Quality Care

- ▶ Nearly 100 % of surveyed patients were satisfied with the care they received at a community health center
- ▶ Research shows that health centers demonstrated equal or better quality performance than private practices on ambulatory quality measures, despite serving patients with more chronic disease and socioeconomic challenges

# Community Health Centers Offer Access to Care

- ▶ Health Centers offer weekend and evening hours for working families
- ▶ Health Centers offset the recent decline in overall availability of primary care providers
- ▶ Health centers provide quality, affordable healthcare close to home to the first-time insured
- ▶ When people have access to primary and preventive services at a health center, they stay healthy and avoid costly hospital visits

# Community Health Centers are built on a foundation of public/private partnership

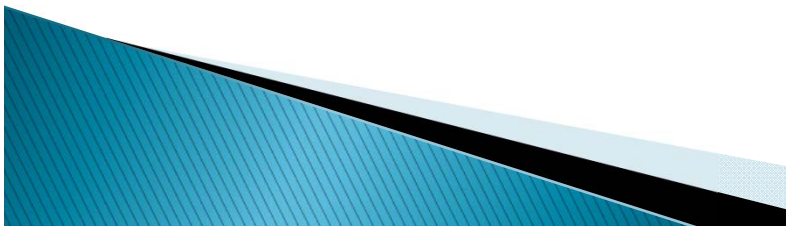
- ▶ Loss of any type of funding could result in a loss of access to care for many of the 23 million people currently served at health centers and trigger increased healthcare costs
- ▶ Community health centers are economic engines. In 2012, health centers generated more than \$26.5 billion in economic activity for local communities, a 33 % increase since 2009. The loss of funding could trigger job losses, not only at the health center, but also surrounding businesses

# The Louisiana Primary Care Association

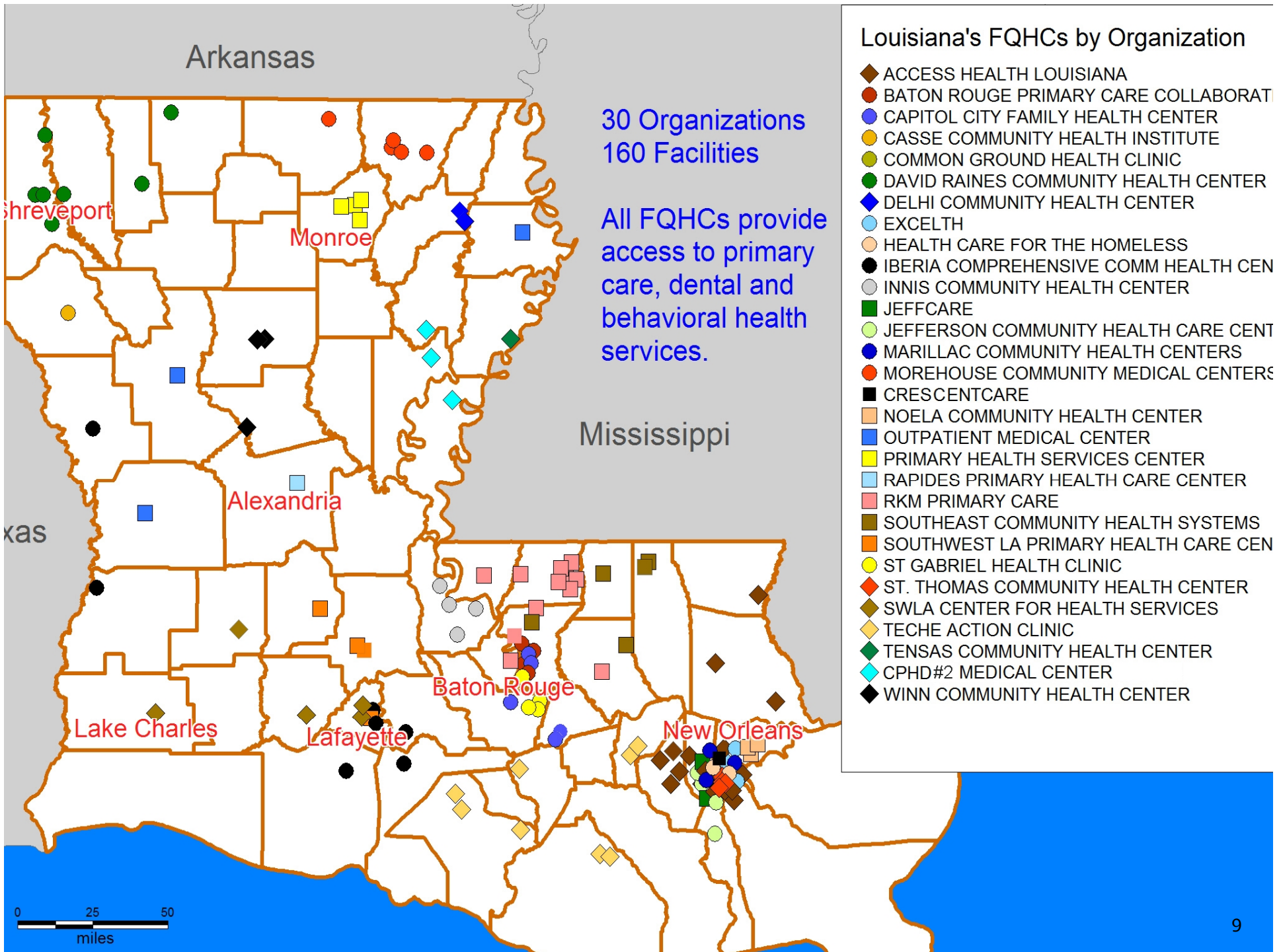


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*"Louisiana's Health Centers"*



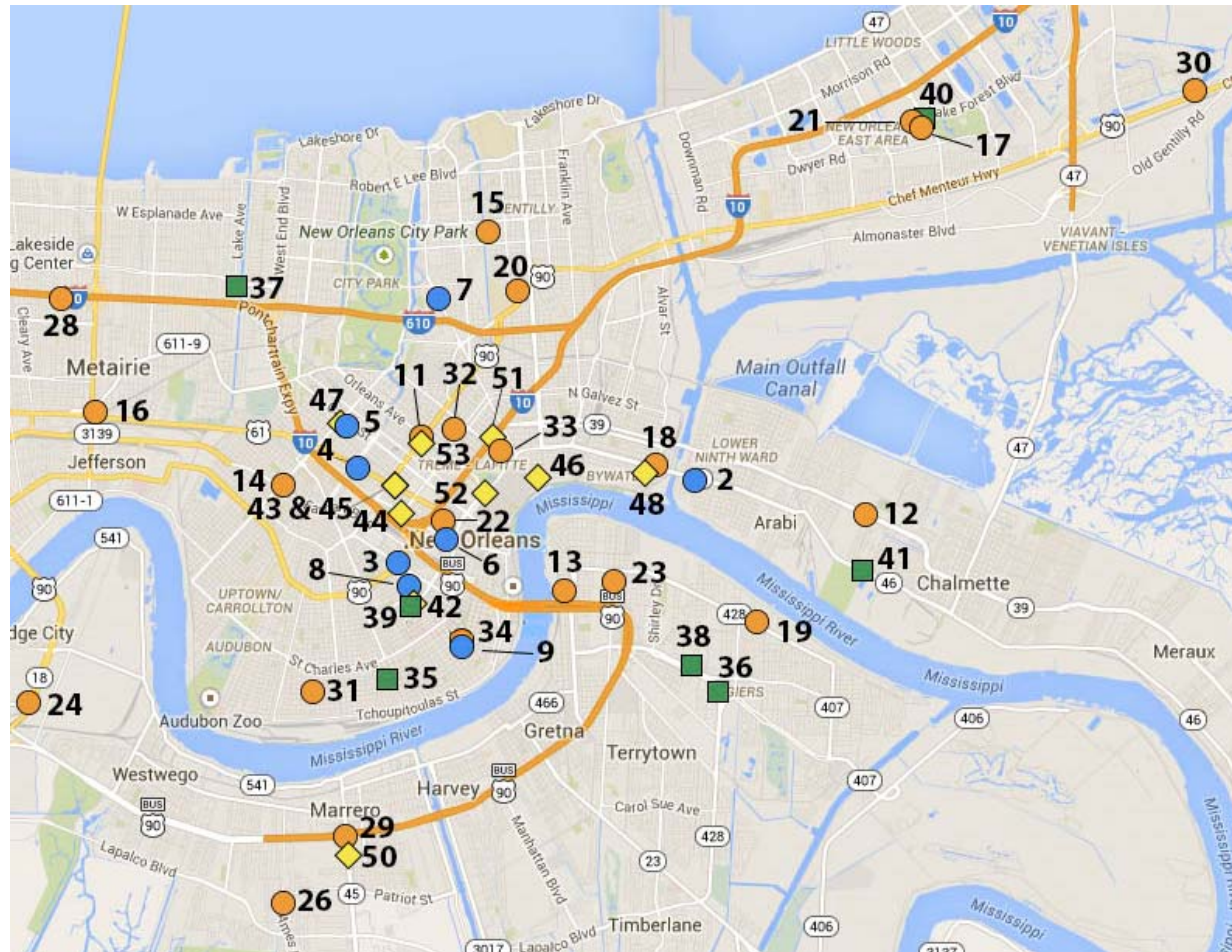




# In Louisiana/ outside of the New Orleans Region

- ▶ Loss of \$17M in funding ( would include \$6M non-GNOCHC and \$11 M GNOCHC)– would affect/reduce/eliminate care to 30,000 patients statewide.
- ▶ An Economic impact multiplier is at work here– so a loss of \$17M has the impact of a \$23 M loss.

# Greater New Orleans Facilities





COMMUNITY IMPACT

In 2013, the 18 GNOCHC health centers with 41 sites provided

**96,753**  
PATIENT VISITS



Under 200% poverty 100%  
Under 100% poverty 83%

saving the system



GNOCHC directly generated

ECONOMIC IMPACT

**188** FULL-TIME JOBS

...and supported an additional

**121** JOBS IN OTHER INDUSTRIES

**309**  
TOTAL JOBS

\$27,712,629 Direct

**\$ 46,685,992**  
TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$18,973,363 Non-direct

TAX IMPACT

and contributed approximately

**\$2.5 MILLION**  
State & Local Tax Revenue

**\$5.4 MILLION**  
Federal Tax Revenue

**\$ 7.9 MILLION**  
TOTAL TAX IMPACT





# Greater New Orleans Community Health Connection

- ▶ The GNOCHC Waiver is in jeopardy of shutting down in July 2015 if the state does not continue to fund the match.
- ▶ Continuing this program maintains care for 57,000 of the working poor.
- ▶ It's a smart business decision and will actually save the system money.



# Greater New Orleans Community Health Connection, cont.

- ▶ Losing the Program would mean a crisis for patients, health care centers and hospitals.
- ▶ Everyone loses because primary care is important.
- ▶ Call to Action: Please support funding this program.



# The Delivery of Integrated Primary Care in Community Health Centers

