

San Francisco Peninsula Children's Health Project



The San Francisco Peninsula Children's Health Project (SFPCHP) provides comprehensive medical care to unstably housed and uninsured adolescents ages 12-25. Although there are many affluent communities in Santa Clara, San Mateo and San Francisco counties, the number of youth experiencing homelessness remains high: an estimated 1,155 in Santa Clara County, 283 in San Mateo, 1,196 in San Francisco during 2024. Many of these young people are in crisis and their prospects for having stable shelter has decreased, as the cost of housing has soared in this area and jobs for young people with minimal skills are increasingly difficult to find. Of the patients served by SFPCHP, 40% are experiencing homelessness, or are displaced, or unstably housed. Because SFPCHP targets uninsured adolescents, 50% of patients it sees are uninsured. These young people have multiple and complex medical, and psychosocial issues, including malnutrition, missed immunizations, poly-substance abuse, depression, and anxiety disorders. These conditions are worsened due to a lack of prevention and early intervention, access to medications, and an inability to access comprehensive health care services.

Service Delivery

- Mobile medical
- Mobile mental health
- School-linked
- Telehealth

Demographic Snapshot

- 76% Hispanic/Latino
- 4% Black
- 100% Adolescents
- 54% Female

Services Provided

- Primary care
- Mental health services
- Case management
- Health education
- Nutrition services
- Telehealth

Partner Institution

Lucile Packard Children's
Hospital at Stanford

Partnership Initiated

1997

2024 Total Visits

1,638

2024 Patients

556

Ages Served

12-24

Focus Areas

Adolescents; LGBTQ+ youth; Unhoused/Displaced/Unstably Housed