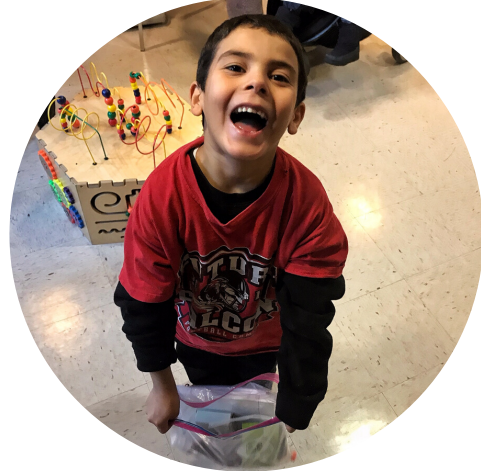


State of Health Care in the Homeless Population

Poor health outcomes and homelessness are inextricably linked in the following ways:

- Episodes of homelessness are often precipitated by health crises.
- Becoming homeless can exacerbate and complicate existing health conditions.
- It is difficult to end an episode of homelessness until an individual's health is stabilized.
- Once they become homeless, individuals and families focus on basic needs: food, clothing, shelter— before focusing on health care.



The result: homeless people suffer disproportionately from poor health. The following indicators illustrate the dire status of health within the homeless population:



- ⊕ The death rate of NYC homeless persons is 3 to 4 times higher than the general population;
- ⊕ Homeless children are at increased risk for having depression, attention deficit disorder, obesity, tooth decay, and poor school performance;
- ⊕ 55% of hospitalizations among homeless persons are related to substance and alcohol abuse;
- ⊕ Homeless persons in NYC suffer from mental illness at 3X the rate of the general population;

CFH believes that homelessness is a condition, not a characteristic and conditions can be treated. CFH is expanding the number of homeless individuals ending their homelessness through solutions that include:

- Delivering the highest quality health care: CFH has consistently receive Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home designation by the National Committee on Quality Assurance. This is third-party verification by the nation's leading assessor of the quality of care.
- The community-based health center: our new model of concentrated, comprehensive and accessible health care for homeless and unstably housed individuals strategically located in neighborhoods with clusters of shelters, supportive housing and other services for homeless individuals and families.
- Expanding our reach by being the largest provider of services with 24 locations - and growing - creating a comprehensive ambulatory care network for homeless and unstably housed people throughout 4 boroughs.