

WHO are we and WHAT do we do?

The mission of the California Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (CAFCC)

Is to promote the sustainability and success of California's free and charitable clinics by serving as a facilitator for the exchange of resources, ideas and best practices, while serving as an advocate and voice for free and charitable clinics at the national, state and local level.

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Free clinics offer health care services to patients who have no other options for medical care. We operate with a network of dedicated, talented medical professionals who volunteer their time to serve those who are unable to maintain quality, affordable health care.





Why Free Clinics?

The free clinic movement began in the late 1960s to address the medical needs of the uninsured working poor.

Nationally more than 20% of the United States population do not have needed healthcare or experience a delay in care.

Free clinics match the donation of in-kind services and donations with the talents, energy and dedication of medical professional volunteers to offer health care services to this population.

These strategies mean that every dollar donated to a free clinic brings a wealth of talent and services together to care for our patients.

We provide access to care for many who find themselves unemployed on a temporary basis or unable to sustain medical care because of their limited income and costs associated with medical visits, imaging services, diagnostic testing and much needed medications.

Our History

In June, 1997, several free clinic representatives from Northern California participated on a panel entitled: "Free Clinic Models and Perspectives". Out of that meeting, it was decided that a conference of Free Clinics should be organized.

In October, 1997, the first meeting was held in San Francisco, CA and attended by representatives from California, Oregon and Washington. It was named the Free Clinics of the Western Region.

In 2011, it was decided by the leadership of our organization to change from a regional association to a California association.

In 2013, Free Clinics of the Western Region was dissolved and the California Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (CAFCC) was born.



Member Benefits

- **Advocacy**
voice in a national, state and local level
- **Capacity Building**
support to strengthen and develop free clinics
- **Patient Care Initiatives**
Resources for discounted drug purchasing and information sharing systems
- **Professional Development**
Education opportune[ties, workshops on grant writing, improved patient services
- **Quality Assurance**
Best Practices, organizational development, job descriptions

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