

NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

In 1965, Massachusetts opened the first community health center in the then-isolated neighborhood of Dorchester. Co-founded by Harvard alumnus Dr. H. Jack Geiger, what was then **Columbia Point Health Center** laid the foundation for a nationwide mission to serve vulnerable populations in need of health care. **Rooted in** political, social, and economic activism, Geiger and Dr. Count D. Gibson Jr.'s ethos remains at the heart of community health center missions across the country.



Every day, NCECE seeks to both celebrate and empower the tireless work of community health center personnel nationwide. And on the heels of this year's **National Health Center Week**, which ran from August 4-10, we wanted to highlight how, exactly, our efforts serve to bolster the knowledge and support the goals of CHCs everywhere.

Research and Collaboration with Subject Experts

The first strategy NCECE utilizes to provide the best, most well-rounded training to health centers is extensive research with a team of in-house subject experts as well as periodic collaborations with experts around the country.

Our team boasts diverse backgrounds and extensive research and clinical experiences that helps inform our approach. Because of their genuine passion for geriatric care combined with a wealth of knowledge gained throughout their impressive careers, the case studies they present in webinars and learning collaboratives help to showcase the real-life application of concepts discussed in the trainings.

We've also partnered with researchers and clinicians from universities nationwide, community health center personnel across the country, and fellow National Cooperative Agreement organizations to provide a holistic, diverse overview of today's challenges.

Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA)

Applying research and decades of experience to lesson plans is no small feat, and our team

works endlessly to examine the most challenging obstacles facing health centers who provide care to older adults. From [webinars](#) to [learning collaborative](#) series, we tailor our training to the needs of health centers nationwide.



Take, for example, the Focus Days throughout National Health Center Week. The Aug. 4 theme, *Social Determinants of Health*, was addressed in a past NCECE webinar; likewise for the Aug. 5 *Health Care for the Homeless* day, which is a topic that will be addressed in our upcoming [August 22 webinar](#) in collaboration with Corporation for Supportive Housing!

“The SDOH Learning Collaborative was an amazing learning opportunity to gain best practices from our colleagues across the network,” said Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center Grants Manager Satoya Beckles. “We had staff members from BMS join and all were able to utilize what they learned and implement it into their positions. We look forward to developing our SDOH long term strategy using the tools and resources from the LCs.”

Online Engagement

NCECE manages two social media platforms, [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#), as additional means to provide outreach to health centers, our fellow NCAs, and others. Among the engaging content we share: [information from subject expert partners](#) on health observances; notification of open registration for T/TA; research and news with a focus on older adult health; and so much more.

Through our training and technical assistance sessions utilizing the vast knowledge of subject experts, we seek to provide timely guidance tailored to the specific needs of health centers. We're available on multiple social media platforms and our team is ready to engage with your health center to determine the best approach to overcoming the barriers to providing the best possible care to older adults.

So how can NCECE help your health center? [Contact us](#) today!