



This Week in Primary Care The Community Health Center Issue

PC4AA is creating a movement to make high-quality primary care the foundation of our health care system by building from the ground up, community by community. It should be no surprise that we are fans of Community Health Centers (CHCs), which **improve access** to primary care for people regardless of their income, insurance status, country of origin, or language spoken.

Myron Glick, M.D., is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Jericho Road Community Health Center in Buffalo, New York. In a new interview with PC4AA's Eve Shapiro, Myron lays out the struggles and successes he has experienced running a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Nurturing relationships with members of the community, bringing them into leadership roles, and serving a shared vision are just a few keys to Jericho Road's success. Find the full interview below.

A new **fact sheet** from the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) starts with a truth we like to shout from the mountaintops: "Primary care is the only part of the healthcare system where improved access is associated with better population health and longer life." CHCs are vital to the movement to make primary care accessible to everyone, in every neighborhood and community.

Save the date! On Tuesday, March 11, at 8:30 pm Eastern Time, PC4AA welcomes Allana Krolkowski, MD, as the guest speaker at our Teach-In/Learn-In. Details to follow!

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Interview with Myron Glick, M.D.

By Eve Shapiro

March 4, 2025

Jericho Road Community Health Center has six sites in Buffalo, New York, that served more than 24,000 patients in 2023. Like all Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Jericho Road provides comprehensive, culturally competent, high-quality healthcare for its community's most [vulnerable populations](#), regardless of their ability to pay.

In 2023, Jericho Road logged almost 87,000 patient visits. In addition to serving Buffalo's poor, Jericho Road serves an ever-increasing number of refugees and asylum seekers from countries in Africa, Asia, and South America. In fact, 53% of patients who received care at Jericho Road in 2023 were most comfortable speaking a language other than English during their healthcare visits. For most FQHCs, that [number](#) is closer to 25%.

FQHCs like Jericho Road—there are [1,400 FQHCs](#) across the country—are awarded grants from the [Bureau of Primary Health Care](#) within the Department of Health and Human Services' Health Research Services Administration (HRSA). Medicare and Medicaid reimburse FQHCs for the myriad acute care, preventive care, hospital care, and specialty services they provide. HRSA and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) are, therefore, lifelines for FQHCs and the patients they serve.

Jericho Road Founder and CEO Myron Glick, M.D., spoke with Eve Shapiro about the landscape of primary care across the country, the challenges Jericho Road faces, and some of the creative ways they work to overcome them.

[Read the Article](#)



Teach-In/Learn-In

Tuesday, March 11

8:30pm EDT



**Allana Krolkowski,
MD, FAAFP**

**How maternity
care can help
communities
provide primary
care to everyone**

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about making primary care
accessible for all!*

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Making America Healthier with High-Quality Primary Care

High-quality primary care is the foundation of a high-functioning health care system. When it is high-quality, primary care provides continuous, person-centered, relationship-based care that considers the needs and preferences of individuals, families, and communities. Primary care is the only part of the healthcare system where improved access is associated with better population health and longer life. Without access to high-quality primary care, minor health problems can spiral into chronic disease, chronic disease management becomes difficult and uncoordinated, visits to emergency departments increase, preventive care lags, and health care spending soars to unsustainable levels.

[Read the Article](#)

At our most recent Teach-In/Learn-In, we discussed how to organize a local PC4AA workgroup! If you missed it, you can watch here!

The Local Playbook – A Tool for Change

Purpose: A guide for communities to assess, organize, and advocate for improved primary care access

Key Features:

- Strategies for local assessment & intervention
- Methods for engaging stakeholders & policymakers
- Tools for building coalitions & sustaining momentum

PRIMARY CARE FOR ALL AMERICANS

Watch Video

Become a Primary Care Champion!

We're excited to invite you to join us in making a meaningful difference in healthcare access for all Americans. By becoming a Primary Care Champion, you can support our vital work and help us create a healthier future for everyone.

Every contribution counts!

Together, we can drive impactful change in our communities.

Thank you for considering becoming a Primary Care Champion!

- Do you have a primary care story? Good or bad, **we want to hear it!**
- Follow PC4AA on **Instagram**, **Facebook**, and **LinkedIn!**
- We are looking for volunteers to work with our social media team! **Click here** if you are interested.
- Please **support PC4AA** in the fight for primary care for people, not for profit!

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Have you had an unfortunate experience trying to access primary care? A great experience with a primary care provider? Whether you are a patient, caretaker, or health care professional, we want to hear your story! How has access to primary care affected you and your family?

[Tell Us Your Story](#)

We may even ask you to share your story with our supporters in one of our Teach-In/Learn-Ins! You can watch Kristen's story for inspiration.



Watch Recordings of All Our Recent Teach-In/Learn-Ins

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