The Storehouse Nursing Clinic: Community Partnership and Service Learning
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**Goals of the Clinic: Service Learning and Community Partnership**

- Improve community health nursing skills by broadening the clinical experience, integrating classroom teaching and clinical experiences, providing an opportunity to contextualize knowledge: “teaching for a sense of salience, situated cognition and action in particular situations”.

**Promoting Skills Development**

- therapeutic communication with diverse clients
- knowledge of community resources and referral processes
- deepened awareness of health care access issues and solutions in our community

**Improving Health and Reducing Harm to Vulnerable Community Members**

- screening for hypertension and diabetes in high risk population
- influenza vaccinations to uninsured and high risk population
- health promotion and disease prevention education and referral
- monitoring blood glucose and hypertension in low health care access populations
- referral to Pathways Navigators on-site, who can expedite care and prevent ER utilization and hospital admission, unnecessary medical debt and pain and suffering; “warm hand-offs”

**Supporting Students in Becoming Agents of Change**

- reflecting on policies that affect uninsured and vulnerable populations
- observing systemic gaps and barriers to care
- discussing change strategies and health reform issues

**What are Your Family’s Biggest Health Concerns?**

- **Multiple Health Problems** (24): including HIV, cancer, high cholesterol, hepatitis C, scoliosis, arthritis, warts, asthma, intestinal problems and respiratory problems.
- **None** (17)
- **Diabetes** (13)
- **High Blood Pressure/Heart Problems** (13)
- **Dental Problems** (9)
- **Uninsured or Underinsured, Medical Bills** (6)
- **Mental Health/Depression/Substance Abuse** (5)
- **Not Enough Money to Buy Prescribed Medications** (5)
- **Need Money for Glasses, Prostheses** (4)
- **Need Prenatal Care/Pregnant** (3)
- **Need More Good Calories in Diet** (3)
- **Overweight** (2)
- **Transportation to Healthcare** (2)
- **“Everything”** (2)
- **Other:** childcare, housing, “staying strong”, “staying alive”, healthy children, “an unforeseen illness”, “that sometimes you don’t have information to take care of an illness and you feel ashamed to ask”