

..... **Moloka'i Community Health Center** .....  
**(Island of Moloka'i)**



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**Overview**—Moloka'i Community Health Center (MCHC) is Hawai'i's newest Community Health Center. In 2003, several community organizations got together and applied for federal funds to open a Community Health Center focused on basic primary care for the people of Moloka'i. In April 2004, MCHC opened its doors in Kaunakakai.

**Services**—MCHC will concentrate on the residents' need to gain access to basic primary care that focuses on chronic disease, substance abuse, mental health, and care for the elderly, along with assistance with accessing specialty services.

**Special Populations/Health Issues**—Low-income families, Native Hawaiians, immigrants, uninsured and under-insured. These special populations have barriers to health care that include, but are not limited to, poverty, language and culture, geography, and availability of resources. Health indicators suggest problems typical of low-income Asian and Pacific Island communities. They include high rates of asthma, diabetes, obesity, vaccine-preventable diseases, cardiovascular disease, combined socio-economic and maternal and child health risk, substance abuse, mental health, and dental disease. Problems of access include low per capita numbers of primary care providers and limited health facilities.

**Patient Profile for 2006**—Ethnic groups served (top 3): Native Hawaiian (37%), Pacific Islander (33%), Caucasian (24%).

- Unduplicated Patients ..... 1,632
- Patient Visits ..... 10,707
- 19 years of age and under ..... 42%
- 65 years of age or older ..... 8%
- Female..... 51%
- Uninsured..... 22%
- Medicaid ..... 34%
- Medicare ..... 7%
- Patients best served in a language other than English ..... 1%
- Patients with an income less than 200% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL)..... 90%

**Federal funds** granted or contracted to MCHC include:  
330(e) Grantee

**Federal Designations**

- MUA
- Dental HPSA
- Mental Health HPSA