



*The Bronx Community Health Leaders (BxCHL):
an innovative pre-health pipeline program at an academic family medicine FQHC*

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Who Are We?

Our Story

BxCHL was founded in 2014 by a group of underrepresented minority pre-health scholars and two family physicians at an academic family medicine FQHC in the Bronx. In 3 years we grew from a group of 5 to over 50 organized, energized, and committed members.



Our Mission

“To create a peer support system that facilitates networking, provides guidance and mentoring, engages in community service, and helps develop the leadership skills essential to becoming a health care professional”



What Are Our Core Values?



Community Service (e.g., toy and coat drives, health fairs, boys and girls clubs)



Leadership Development (e.g., didactic, hands on activities, leading group projects)



Support System (e.g., peer mentors, study groups, social activities, networking)

What Do We Do?



Wellness (e.g., weight loss group, yoga, diabetes support groups, community garden)



Patient Education (e.g., ESL class, MyChart, help desk, newsletter, bulletin board)



Advocacy (e.g., #not62, Single Payer New York, close Riker’s Prison march, PNHP)

How Do We Do it?



Student-driven, Self-sustained (e.g., program coordinators, patient groups)



Team-based, Project-focused (e.g., project leaders, scholarly projects)



Ongoing Mentoring (e.g., one-to-one meetings, role models, clinical exposure)