



Operation Samahan Community Health Centers

Operation Samahan's mission is to "build healthier, happier communities together." With our patients, staff, and partners, we promote better health and living conditions for all members of the community. Our emphasis lies in serving the indigent, low-income, uninsured and underserved individuals and families by providing high quality, affordable and culturally accessible primary health care, dental care, behavioral health, holistic health promotion, education, and dynamic social services.



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Samahan is a Filipino word for "working together"

- Formed in 1972 by a group of doctors and nurses in a downtown San Diego barber shop
- Emphasis on culturally and linguistically competent health services for Filipinos, Asian Pacific Islanders, Latinos, and welcomes all communities
- Clinic sites in National City, City Heights, Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, and Lincoln Acres
- Serving 20,000 people annually
- Provides primary care: women's health, adult health, adolescent services, geriatric care
- Provides dental care, behavioral health, family planning, integrative health & wellness services, social services and health education, cancer patient services
- Youth2Youth Teen Center provides after school programs, peer counseling, referrals
- Community engagement: voter registration, policy advocacy (e.g. Medi-Cal coverage of translation services), coalition building, working along small businesses and restaurants to advocate for healthier living
- Only entity in San Diego awarded several national grants and accolades for work within Asian Pacific Islander American communities

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