## Unequal Treatment Revisited: The Current State of Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care

Federally Qualified Health Centers Perspective

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## 1965 First Two Community Health Centers funded in Mound Bayou, MS and Dorchester, MA



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## FQHC's and Health Equity

- FQHC's were founded to increase access to underserved communities
- Governance is structured to represent the community being served
- Health Center Services are focused on Primary Care and Prevention needs of the community being served
- Special Populations are recognized under the Community Health Center Program which provides added funding
- Added financial benefits are afforded low income patients such as the Sliding Fees Scale, and 340B discounted medication program