Children and youth involved in the human services arena often receive fragmented, superficial health care. In a unique, pioneering model, a major metropolitan city and county department of human services contracted with the safety net health authority to provide services for both the child welfare division and the department-run adolescent psychiatric treatment center. To help advance and enhance the services given, a DNP was hired to provide administrative and clinical expertise. Although government and other organizations are often built on foundations that have health care as a secondary outcome, it is the premise of this model that health in all its aspects (physical, mental, dental, social, academic and spiritual) is essential to ensuring the best possible outcome for these children and youth.

Key Players
- Medical professionals
- Mental health experts
- Human services
- The courts
- Juvenile justice
- Educators
- Families
- Community programs

Services Provided
- Establishment of a medical home
- Coordinated health care
  - Nursing case management
- Improved health at a lower cost
  - Well-child care
  - Immunizations
  - Behavioral Health services
  - Dental Care

FCC Medical Team
Mission Statement
Dedicated to Providing Quality Healthcare to Children & Youth in a Nurturing, Supportive Environment

Team Values
Respect
Hope
Healing

DNP Skills & Functions required
- Role model
- Visionary
- Facilitator
- Consultant
- Expert Clinician
- Flexibility
- Leadership
- Strategic planning
- Program planning
- Innovation

Strategies Used and Challenges to Overcome
- Approaching issues from different angles
- Willingness to think outside the box
- Multi-organizational, multi-disciplinary collaboration within a culturally sensitive model
- Fragmented communication across multiple systems, organizations and disciplines
- Adequate funding streams
- Limited scope and accessibility of resources

* Verified actual savings over two years = $85,000