

INEQUITIES IN ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

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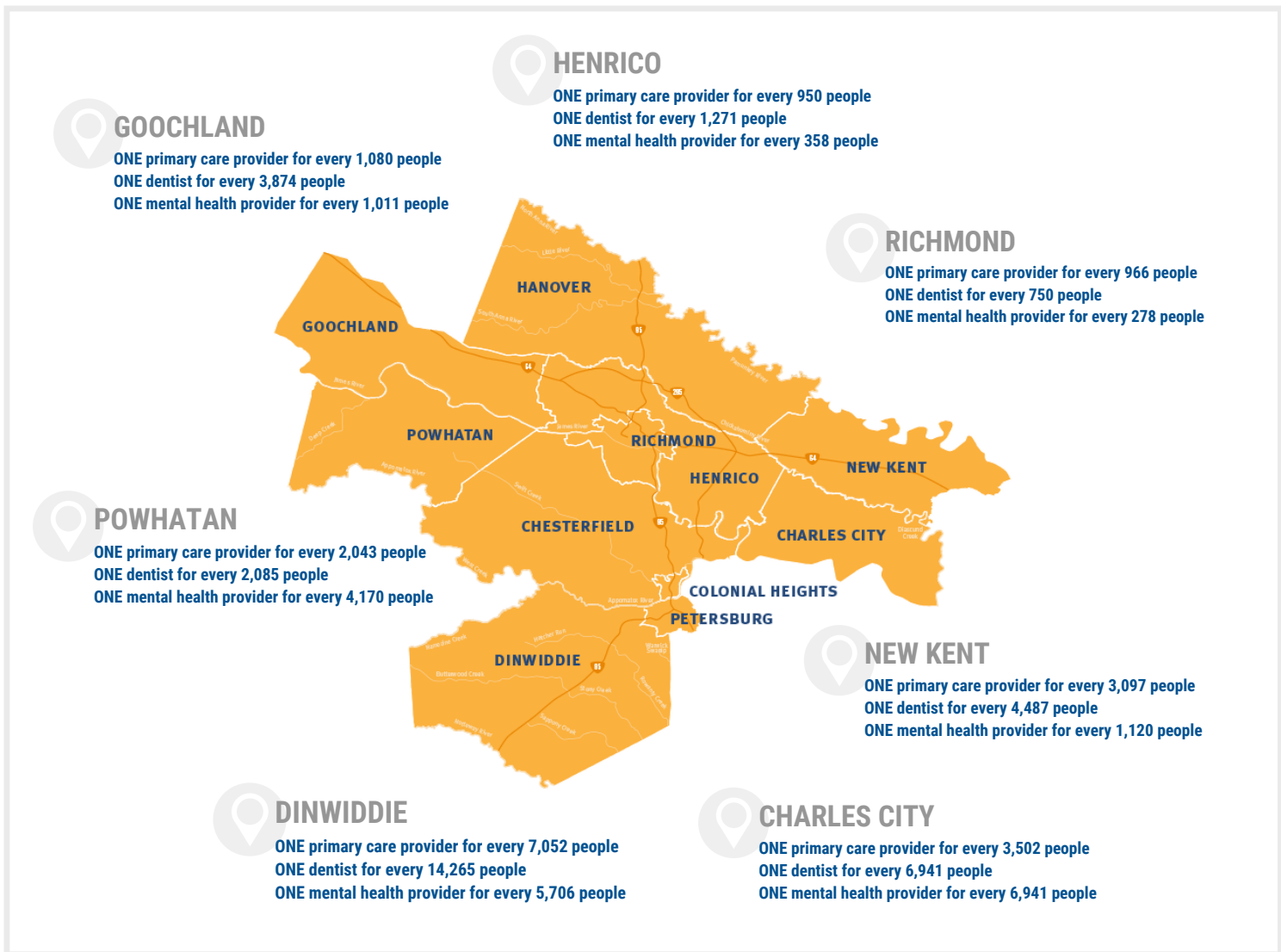
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We used data on **health care access** to identify inequities in our service area. Here's what we found:

THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

Access to primary care physicians, dentists, mental health professionals, hospitals and other specialists makes a difference for everyone in our community, particularly our most vulnerable neighbors. People who may not have access to transportation or are unable to take extended periods of time away from work or family may have difficulty accessing care. The challenges increase when medical professionals are far away from home. They may have to wait longer to secure appointments if physicians where they live are overwhelmed with patients.



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OUR WORK IN HEALTH EQUITY: ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

As a part of United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg's 2020-22 funding cycle, **20** programs at **16** partner agencies combatting barriers to equitable health care access are receiving a total of **\$3,030,000** in community investments.

GOOCHLANDCARES ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

This series has highlighted the stark lack of access to healthcare in our region's rural communities. GoochlandCares is the only organization in Goochland County that provides a safety net for those with immediate health, housing and food needs. Their Access to Healthcare program is part of GoochlandCares' twelve core programs that include medical, dental and mental health care. In 2019, GoochlandCares provided 3,714 medical, dental and mental health visits and their Medical Transportation program provided transportation to 951 medical appointments totaling 38,925 miles.

THRIVE VIRGINIA HEALTHY FAMILIES

Thrive Virginia's New Kent/Charles City Healthy Families Program is an intensive in-home visiting program for families that are at risk for child abuse or neglect in an area of the region that lacks access to health care and health care providers. Healthy Families is a strength-based program that provides support and helps families build strong, nurturing relationships with their children. Program focus areas include prenatal care compliance, connection to a care provider, well-baby visits, birth weight monitoring, immunization completion, developmental screenings and referrals and parent-child interaction.