



## **Partnership for Access to Healthcare History & Mission**

Founded in 1999, the Partnership for Access to Healthcare (PATH) is an organization of leaders in New Orleans' health and social service sectors who are dedicated to creating a culturally appropriate and seamless health and social services delivery system for residents of the New Orleans area. Following the principles of *Crossing the Quality Chasm*, the groundbreaking report from the Institute of Medicine that calls for fundamental change in American health care, this delivery system will be patient-centered, timely, safe, effective, efficient, and equitable.

By bringing together groups with a common mission and pooling resources, PATH allows its partner organizations to harness the power of collaboration and achieve more together than any one entity could achieve alone.

PATH's purpose is to grow and strengthen the network of model medical homes for neighborhoods in the New Orleans area by:

- Building neighborhood-level primary care clinic capacity through data-driven planning and resource development;
- Developing robust information systems that include electronic medical records, in order to improve efficiency and quality of care and create an integrated network of healthcare providers that serve everyone, regardless of ability to pay;
- Formalizing referral processes and coordinating care across public and private providers; and
- Developing strategies to eliminate health disparities through the prevention and management of chronic conditions, such as diabetes and depression.

PATH's administrative home is the Louisiana Public Health Institute.