

ACANA works to address the health and wellness needs of immigrants mainly from Africa and the Caribbean. The desired outcome is to make them feel welcome and supported as they settled and make Philadelphia their new home where they can thrive as healthy and productive residents of this community. We address the urgent unmet need to provide services highlighting cultural humility, reduce stigmatization and acculturation. Our holistic services promotes health education and community engagement for behavior and lifestyle change. Our goal is to address the social determinants of public health. ACANA partners with community organizations and other community stakeholders for the improvement of the outlook of the community. Eight years ago we established a free walk-in day clinic in southwest Philadelphia. The clinic is basically a triage center for the connection to care at the city health. The impact on the health outcome of our service recipients has been immense. This has included impacted by the opioid crisis.