HEP in the community

We partner with community organizations, religious leaders, elected officials and members of the public interested in protecting affordable, quality healthcare.

We organize forums on complex healthcare issues; host health fairs with local hospitals that offer a range of services including free screenings; conduct campaigns to educate the public and public officials about maintaining and supporting New York's healthcare system; and much more.

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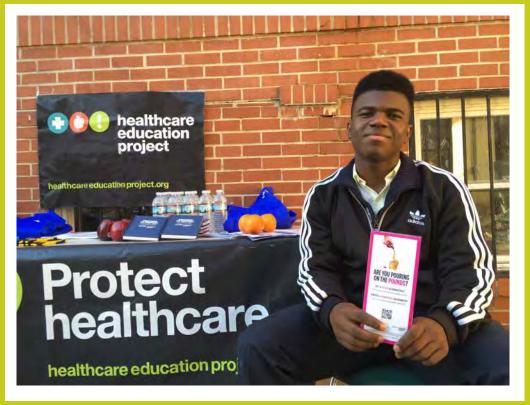155 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12210. Phone: 518-396-2317

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Protecting access to healthcare in New York State

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Who we are

The Healthcare Education Project (HEP) is a joint effort of 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East and the Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA). Together, the two organizations represent 350,000 healthcare workers and over 250 not-for-profit hospitals, nursing homes and homecare providers.

HEP is a community-based advocacy organization. We partner with individuals, healthcare providers and civic and religious leaders across New York State to:

- Protect access to vital healthcare services in neighborhoods across the state
- Better understand the urgent healthcare issues facing our communities
- Educate our communities about the uninsured and underinsured
- Advocate universal coverage for all New Yorkers

Over the years, we have recruited tens of thousands of healthcare consumers and providers to join us in our mission.

What we do

HEP's mission is to protect and expand access to quality, affordable healthcare for all New Yorkers.

We do this through education, advocacy and coalition building.

- Organize consumers, providers and the community to support progressive healthcare legislation
- Organize public health fairs and healthcare forums
- Host leadership dialogues
- Protect teaching hospitals and community-based delivery systems

Some of our successes

- HEP has been a strong supporter of the Affordable Care Act. Since 2013, we have led a coalition of statewide organizations in holding annual summits around New York State for stakeholders and community leaders to share information and best practices in ACA outreach and enrollment; led a canvass in 2013 to identify the uninsured in all five boroughs of New York City; rallied to support the ACA in the King v. Burwell Supreme Court case; and more.

- In 2011, HEP campaigned in support of New York's Medicaid Redesign Team recommendations. The state legislature passed 78 of these recommendations to improve patient care, reduce costs and improve health outcomes.
- HEP led the fight to create the groundbreaking Family Health Plus program, which provides health insurance to about one million New Yorkers and is now a national model.

- HEP has run several statewide campaigns to protect New York hospitals and nursing homes from billions of dollars in proposed state funding cuts.

- HEP helped drive the passage of HEAL NY (Healthcare Efficiency and Affordability Law), which resulted in a $1 billion capital investment in New York State's aging and financially struggling healthcare facilities.

- HEP teamed up with over 50 other organizations to urge state officials to provide health coverage to low-income legal immigrants under Medicaid and Family Health Plus.

- In 2007, HEP successfully advocated a dramatic expansion of Child Health Plus, New York State's health insurance plan for children.

- HEP constantly advocates protecting funding for graduate medical education in New York's world-class teaching hospitals which train the doctors of tomorrow.