Congress awarded MSM $7.5 million in 1997 to establish NCPC, making the Center the first congressionally-sanctioned center to develop programs focusing on the intersection between the primary care system and health equity. This major public health milestone was possible thanks to the efforts of Dr. Louis Sullivan, the former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and President Emeritus of MSM. NCPC’s unique lens brought together a diverse and interdisciplinary group of professionals focused on addressing the health and social needs of low-income, minority, and other underrepresented populations. Over the past 25 years, we have established our voice in the national health equity conversation through strong partnerships, innovative research, and a wide range of programming.

NCPC currently carries out its mission through three distinct divisions and several strategic initiatives. Together, the divisions and initiatives advance health equity by identifying gaps in our nation’s primary care infrastructure and addressing those gaps through educational programming, policy advisory, technical assistance, resource dissemination, and community engagement. NCPC targets its resources to healthcare systems, healthcare providers, and community-based organizations. We recognize the need to stay innovative and responsive to the ever-changing needs of the primary care infrastructure and its delivery of care. The Center constantly evaluates its own work to anticipate future demands and priorities and to stay relevant in addressing the needs of underserved communities.

NCPC has addressed primary care needs across many aspects of the system. Some examples of our work and impact include:

- **National COVID Resiliency Network (NCRN)**: NCPC leads the implementation of gold-standard COVID-19 information and resources and other highly trained and culturally competent primary care faculty and staff to address the needs of underserved communities in the delivery of health services.

NCPC has the expertise and experience necessary to respond to the ever-changing needs of the primary care infrastructure and its delivery of care. The Center constantly evaluates its own work to anticipate future demands and priorities and to stay relevant in addressing the needs of underserved communities.

NCPC sees a future where health disparities are eradicated and long-term health outcomes are significantly improved. The Center’s work across disciplines to implement the interventions today that create a better, healthier country tomorrow.