



Health Care Happenings

A Pueblo Community Health Center Update

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PCHC Opens New School-Based Center

Access to primary medical and behavioral health care for students and faculty studying and working on Pueblo's west side has expanded. The newest Pueblo Community Health Center (PCHC) School-Based Wellness Center opened in October 2019 at Chavez-Huerta K-12 Preparatory Academy (CHPA).

The clinic is located at 2500 West 18th Street, #11 – next to the gym on the campus of CHPA. The modular has been remodeled and houses PCHC staff, and students and faculty of the school who seek treatment. The updated building features a spacious reception area, behavioral health evaluation room, lab, and two newly equipped exam rooms.

In addition to primary medical services, the CHPA Wellness Center offers behavioral health services with a provider on-site weekly. An immunization clinic is held the first Thursday of every month from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the site.

"We think this is a terrific opportunity to initiate care in the school and move to being able to offer comprehensive services for the whole neighborhood. We want to work together to ensure the health of Pueblo", said Dr. Claire Reed, Chief Medical Officer.

In addition to the site at CHPA, clinics are also operated by PCHC in the following facilities: Central, Centennial, East, and County High Schools, and Risley International Academy of Innovation. Pueblo Community College's student wellness center is also a PCHC-operated site.

With most insurance plans accepted at all locations (including Medicaid and uninsured), the clinics offer affordable access that is a student or staff member's primary care office. Sports physicals and annual wellness visits are available by appointment. To learn more about PCHC and its school-based wellness centers, or to schedule an appointment, please call 719-543-8711 or visit pueblochc.org.

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Letter from the CEO

Dear Friends,

Pueblo Community Health Center (PCHC) opened its seventh school-based wellness center at Chavez Huerta Preparatory Academy (CHPA) last October. It is the first site on a school campus serving students from kindergarten through 12th grade; whereas, our other sites are four high schools, a middle school and a community college.

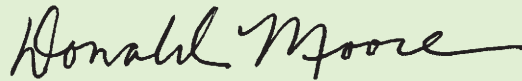
The needs among the CHPA students are very high. However, we have not seen the clinic highly utilized in its first few months. The clinic is a great, newly renovated space with the best equipment. The staff selected to serve at this site are very qualified and, best of all, have a heart for serving the students. So, why is it slow going?

The basis of quality health care is a trusting relationship between the patient/student and the staff. PCHC is a new entity at CHPA. The faculty and students need to take the time to experience the quality and access to care that PCHC can provide. When they do, I am confident word will spread that we can be trusted. We are taking our lead from CHPA's leadership, and they are providing so many opportunities to promote our services for which I am grateful. If we can build trust through relationships and communication, the activity will grow. I believe this.

PCHC is in the schools because it is one of the best opportunities we have to deliver preventive services and intervene early with health concerns. The school clinics aren't as robust as our large clinic sites but when I think about the long term benefit of reaching the students with preventive services I have a sense of pride.

Kudos to CHPA for making access to quality health care a priority!

Best wishes to you as spring time approaches.



Donald Moore, CEO
Pueblo Community Health Center



Giving to PCHC Changes Lives

For 37 years, PCHC has served the health care needs of the people of Pueblo and Huerfano Counties, regardless of a patient's ability to pay. If you choose to contribute, it enables us to continue to offer expanded services that include primary medical, dental, behavioral health, and pharmacy services. If you want to help us perpetuate our mission, we invite you to make a contribution to Pueblo Community Health Center Foundation.

All funds raised will be allocated to our Foundation for the east side expansion. Any donation is appreciated and no gift is too small. Your support will make a difference in the lives of the people who trust their health needs to our providers.

If you would like to learn more about naming opportunities or planning for larger gifts, please contact Laura Kelly, Chief Development and Foundation Officer at (719) 543-8718 x 152 or email lkelly@pueblochc.org. Thank you for caring about those in need and investing in Pueblo's east side.

Mission

Since 1983, Pueblo Community Health Center has provided primary care to those in need

Meet Ashlie Davenport

Years with PCHC: 3

What you do at PCHC: Nurse Practitioner at CHPA

Where are you from: Born and raised Pueblo

Where did you go to school? Centennial (Go Bulldogs)

Hobbies/Interests: I love fishing, hunting, hiking, running, Crossfit, and just being outside with my dogs

Favorite food/restaurant: Tacos, Tacos Navarro street tacos are by far the best

Favorite movie: Boondock Saints and the Kill Bill movies, gotta love the cult classics

Favorite music/band: I love rock and country music, Shinedown is my favorite band ever

Favorite place to vacation: Anywhere in the mountains

Most surprising talent: Expert napping skills

Most rewarding aspect of your job: I love being a trusted resource for my school-based patients to come to when they otherwise may not have anybody to refer to



Behavioral Health in Children

CDC studies show that mental, behavioral, and developmental disorders begin in early childhood.



In 2019, PCHC provided 313 patients under the age of 18 with 889 visits.



Among children living below 100% of the federal poverty level, more than 1 in 5 have a mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder.



Only 20% of U.S. children diagnosed with a mental or behavioral disorder receive specialized care.

Source: CDC

Locations

(719) 543-8711

Colorado Avenue Clinic
300 Colorado Avenue
Pueblo, Colorado 81004

Pharmacy & Administrative Services
(Patient Registration, Patient Accounts & Human Resources)
110 East Routt Avenue
Pueblo, Colorado 81004
(719) 476-0214 (Pharmacy)

Park Hill Clinic & Pharmacy
1302 East 5th Street
Pueblo, Colorado 81001
(719) 476-0220 (Pharmacy)

O'Rourke Dental Clinic
2030 Lake Avenue
Pueblo, Colorado 81004

Avondale Clinic
328 Avondale Boulevard
Avondale, Colorado 81022

Grand Avenue Clinic
1008 North Grand Avenue
Pueblo, Colorado 81003

Centennial High School-Based Wellness Center
2525 Mountview Drive
Pueblo, Colorado 81008

Central High School-Based Wellness Center
216 East Orman Avenue
Pueblo, Colorado 81004

Chávez/Huerta K-12 Preparatory Academy School-Based Wellness Center
2727 West 18th Street
Pueblo, Colorado 81003

East High School-Based Wellness Center
9 MacNeil Road
Pueblo, Colorado 81001

Pueblo County High School-Based Wellness Center
1050 35th Lane
Pueblo, Colorado 81006

Risley International School-Based Wellness Center
625 Monument Avenue
Pueblo, Colorado 81001

Pueblo Community College The Student Health Clinic
900 West Orman Avenue, MT 118
Pueblo, Colorado 81004

Walsenburg OB Clinic
129 Kansas Avenue
Walsenburg, Colorado 81089

Administration & Foundation
112 East Pitkin Avenue
Pueblo, Colorado 81004

Vision

To be the primary health care provider of choice in Pueblo County by providing top quality care through accessibility, leadership and financial independence



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