



Health Care Happenings

A Pueblo Community Health Center Update

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PCHC Provider Kelsey Markenson evaluates a student at the East HS School-Based Wellness Center.

Back to School Time

With all Pueblo students back in the classroom, Pueblo Community Health Center reminds parents and guardians of Pueblo area students about the availability of the wellness centers in several buildings.

The newest site is at Chavez-Huerta Preparatory Academy (2727 West 18th Street). The clinic is PCHC's fifth and is in addition to others located at County, East, Centennial, and Central High Schools. A clinic on Pueblo Community College's campus is also staffed by PCHC providers and available to students, staff, and faculty of PCC.

Any student, regardless of where they attend school, can be seen at any of the clinics. Call PCHC at 719-543-8718 extension 700 and ask which location has availability on the day your student would like to be seen. A signed consent form is required by the parent or guardian. Insurance will be billed as it normally would and if the student doesn't have coverage, a PCHC benefits specialist will screen for available programs. Regardless of eligibility, your student will be treated—no one is ever turned away for inability to pay.

Services provided at the clinics include urgent, preventative, and behavioral health care with access to lab, pharmacy, and specialty referrals.

PCHC, School District 60, and Pueblo School District 70 proudly partner on these convenient, affordable clinics that enable parents to seek care quickly and efficiently for sick kids and promote good habits and prevention for the healthy ones.

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Letter from the CEO

Dear Friends,

I love sports. I love playing, watching, and reading about sports. I think sports, at its best, are inspirational. Sports can engender the best in people and bring to life wonderful things about the human condition. My sporting "career" started when I was five and I joined a swim team. I participated in competitive swimming until I graduated from college. Along with a ton of hours in the pool, I played soccer, football, baseball, tennis, hoops, hockey, softball, and water polo. When I became a husband and father I transitioned to long distance running and triathlon, and cheering on my daughters in their chosen sports (hoops and tennis). I follow college and pro sports in the news, occasionally attend a live event, and I've been in fantasy football and baseball leagues for over 15 years. Sports is a source of joy in my life.



As the school year gets underway, so many students will participate in sports and I believe this is good for our community. Young people benefit greatly from participating in athletics. Few will dominate their support or be on a championship team, but when I think about the benefits to their minds, bodies, and spirits it makes me happy. Yes, we probably over-emphasize the importance of sports in popular culture, but I am talking about the values of sportsmanship, competition, comradery, coping with disappointment, struggling to improve, and being part of something bigger than oneself (i.e., the team). Sports is an institution we need in society.

PCHC supports these values through its operation of school-based wellness centers at six locations - four high schools, a K-12 academy, and a community college. At these sites, PCHC offers sports physicals to all community students regardless of where they attend school and their family's ability to pay. Throughout the year, any student in Pueblo County can access care at these sites. If the student doesn't have a usual source of primary care they can establish a relationship with a primary care provider they can trust and who will be interested in their well-being. PCHC made sports a gateway to accessing quality health care for those in need. The pandemic severely impacted access in our school sites, however, PCHC is "all in" for the new school year and we look forward to serving all the students who need a trusted care provider.

Sincerely,

Donald Moore, CEO

Giving to PCHC Changes Lives

For 39 years, PCHC has served the health care needs of the people of Pueblo regardless of a patient's ability to pay. PCHC is proud to offer expanded health care services including primary medical, dental, behavioral health, laboratory, and pharmacy. We appreciate your consideration and hope you will help us perpetuate our mission by making a donation to Pueblo Community Health Center Foundation.

All funds raised by PCHC Foundation through 2023 will be allocated to our East Side Clinic capital campaign-- *With You, We Can*. Any donation is appreciated and no gift is too small. We will acknowledge all who contribute on our donor wall in the new clinic. Your support will make a difference in the lives of the people who trust their health needs to our providers and receive services in the heart of Pueblo's east side neighborhood.

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. Gifts over \$250 are eligible for EZ Tax credits.

Mission

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

Meet Jonette Romero

Years with PCHC: 12 years

What you do at PCHC: Operations Manager – School-Based Wellness Centers & Health Information Management

Where are you from: I was born in California with my dad being military, relocated to Germany, where we stayed for 9 years, then moved to Colorado.

Where did you go to school? Pueblo Community College

Hobbies/Interests: I love spending time with all my grandbabies and family, I also love to color and go camping.

Favorite restaurant: My favorite is Maggiano's, but when I vacation to Vegas, I must go to the Hash House.

Favorite movie: There are so many to choose from, but I will always have a love for classic 80's movies.

Favorite music/band: I am a fan of all genres of music.

Favorite place to vacation: Las Vegas and Florida

Most surprising talent: I am still wondering myself.

Most rewarding aspect of your job: I enjoy working with the schools and staff and looking for ways to help our students get their needs met.

Anything else you'd like to add? I am grateful for the opportunity to have a job that I get to explore new things and work with such an amazing and dedicated staff.



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)

East Side Clinic & Pharmacy
1301 East 7th 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

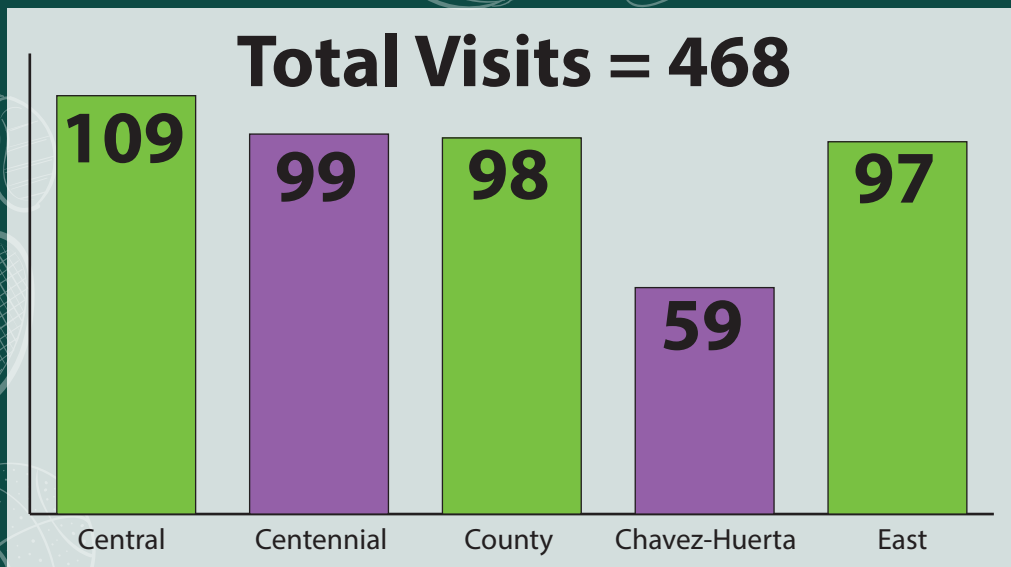
Pueblo County High School-Based Wellness Center
1050 35th Lane
Pueblo, Colorado 81006

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

2022 Sports Physical Blitz



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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