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Wyoming Celebrates a Bright Spot in America's Health Care System
Community Health Centers hold events in celebration of National Health Center Week

For many, August means school shopping and the wind-down of summer. For the healthcare network dedicated to the underserved in Wyoming, it means it's time to celebrate National Health Center Week.



"This year National Health Center Week takes place August 7-13, and it's the time of year where Community Health Centers get to celebrate their mission with the communities they serve," said Wyoming Primary Care Association (WYPCA) Executive Director Jan Cartwright.

"Wyoming's Community Health Centers provide a health care home for those who have limited access to care, those with access and everyone in-between. Health Centers provide a place to go when you need care whether you have insurance or the funds to cover the cost of care."

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Community Health Centers have been providing affordable, quality care for over 50 years and are located in all 50 states and territories. They save our country's health system \$24 billion every year and generate \$26.5 billion in economic activity. Not only can they treat patients for a fraction of the average cost of one emergency room visit, but they maintain patient satisfaction levels of nearly 100 percent.

Wyoming has nine Community Health Centers that operate in 12 sites. Communities that currently have a Health Center include: Casper, Cheyenne, Dubois, Evanston, Powell, Riverton and Rock Springs. This includes Healthcare for the Homeless clinics in Cheyenne and Casper and a clinic for seasonal and migrant farmworkers in Powell.

There are two events scheduled for National Health Center Week in Cheyenne. The first will take place at the University of Wyoming Family Practice Clinic where the public can take advantage of the free sports physicals being offered on Monday from 4-7 pm. In addition, the

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clinic will celebrate the week by providing patients with giveaways to promote health with a special prize from the treasure box for children.

The second event takes place on August 10 from 12:30 am–2 pm at Martin Luther King Park. Crossroads Healthcare Clinic will observe the one-year anniversary celebration of their mobile clinic with tours of the facility. An awards ceremony to recognize the local efforts of individuals and organizations will begin at 1 pm. The awardees include Governor Mead, the Comea Shelter and the Salvation Army.

For more information on Wyoming's Community Health Centers please visit wypca.org.

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Photos: Left- The Mobile Clinic that has served the homeless in Cheyenne is celebrating its one year anniversary. Right- the exam room aboard the mobile clinic.

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