



NEWS RELEASE

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August 8, 2008

Colorado Health Care Heroes Celebrated Full National Health Center Week Schedule

DENVER— August 10-16 is National Health Center Week, dedicated to recognizing the service and contributions of community, migrant, homeless, and school-based Community Health Centers. This year's week is celebrating the health care heroes at America's Health Centers. Community Health Centers (CHCs) provide a health care home for one in ten Coloradans. Please join the celebration at a Health Center in your community.

August 8, 2008, noon – 4:00 p.m.

Block Party

Salud Family Health Centers – Fort Collins, 1635 Blue Spruce Dr., Fort Collins

The block party will include low-cost vaccinations, free dental and health screenings, health and community information, food, entertainment and lots of fun. For more information, please contact Jennifer Morse at (720) 322-9402 or jmorse@saludclinic.org.

August 11, 2008, 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Dental Day for Moms-to-Be

High Plains Community Health Dental Center, 200 Kendall Dr., #1, Lamar

Pregnant women will receive a free exam and dental x-rays. Each woman will be offered the opportunity to sign up for the New Born Hope Program, which gives each a \$100 credit toward her dental care. For more information, please contact Jay Brooke at (719) 336-0261.

August 11, 2008, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Open House

Salud Family Health Centers – Brighton, 1860 Egbert St., Brighton

Brighton Mayor Jan Pawlowski will read a proclamation made in honor of National Health Center Week.

The ribbon cutting will be held at 4:30 p.m., followed by refreshments and tours. For more information, please contact Jennifer Morse at (720) 322-9402 or jmorse@saludclinic.org.

August 12, 2008, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Reach Out and Read Event

Peak Vista Community Health Centers - Pediatric Health Center, 2502 E. Pikes Peak Ave., 4th Floor, Colorado Springs

Peak Vista CHC is the first organization in Colorado Springs to implement Reach Out and Read, a national program that promotes early literacy, especially reaching out to low-income households. Volunteers read to children in health centers. Health care providers discuss with parents the importance of reading to children. Each child six months to five years old receives a book after his or her visit to Peak Vista. For more information, please contact Jennifer Adamson (719) 329-7191 or jadamson@peakvista.org.

August 12, 2008, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Healthy Bites: Feeding Your Child for a Lifetime of Health

High Plains Community Health Center, 201 Kendall Dr., Lamar

Registered dietitian and health educator Emily Montoya will host a clinic for children ages 3 to 6 years old and their parents. She will give a brief presentation for parents, answer questions, and then involve the children in a fun hands-on activity. For more information, please contact Jay Brooke at (719) 336-0261.

August 12, 2008, 8:00 a.m. – noon

Health Awareness Event

Sunrise Community Health, Inc. – Monfort Family Clinic, 2930 11th Ave., Evans

Sunrise staff will host diabetes and cardiovascular education booths, joined by 40 different health-related services and programs from the community. There will be refreshments. For more information, please contact Shannon Rea at (970) 395-1145 or srea.sunrise@nocoha.org.

August 12, 2008, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

30th Anniversary Open House

Mountain Family Health Centers – Black Hawk, 562 Gregory St., Black Hawk

Mountain Family welcomes the community to celebrate its 30th anniversary. A ceremony of recognition and appreciation will be held during the open house. For more information, please contact Claudia Schaufler at (303) 582-5276 or claudia@mountainfamily.org.

August 13, 2008, all day

Free health wellness exams and enrollment assistance

Sand and Sage Fair, Prowers County Sand and Sage Fairgrounds, Lamar

High Plains Community Health Center staff will be at the fair to provide free health wellness exams and assistance with enrollment in health insurance programs. For more information, please contact Jay Brooke at (719) 336 – 0261.

August 13, 2008, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Ice Cream Social

Mountain Family Health Centers – Glenwood Springs, 1905 Blake St., Suite 101, Glenwood Springs

This is Patient Appreciation Day at Mountain Family. Patient information and cardiovascular screenings will be available for patients during the day. The ice cream social rounds out the afternoon. For more information, please contact Mary Coan at (303) 258-3301 or Mary@MountainFamily.org.

August 13, 2008, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Open House

Uncompahgre Medical Center, 1350 S. Aspen, Norwood

This celebration includes displaying a new mural in the “kiddy corral” and new lab equipment, refreshments, give-aways, speakers, and a band in the parking lot surrounded by grounds newly landscaped by a local citizen. For more information, please contact Kathy Reed or Steve Siegel at (970) 327-4233 or Kathy@umclinic.org.

August 14, 2008, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Open House and Ribbon Cutting

MCPN North Aurora Family Health Services, 3292 Peoria St., Aurora

The ribbon will be cut on the new North Aurora Family Health Services campus of Metro Community Provider Network (MCPN). Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP with John Reid at (303) 761-1977, ext. 124 or jreid@mcpn.org.

August 15, 2008, 8:20 a.m. – noon

Well Woman Exams

High Plains Community Health Center, 201 Kendall Dr., Lamar

For more information, please contact Jay Brooke at (719) 336-0261.

August 11-15, 2008

Free Blood Pressure Checks and Health Information

High Plains Community Health Center, 201 Kendall Dr., Lamar

Free blood pressure checks will be provided all week. Information booths will be displayed throughout the clinic. Please contact Jay Brooke at (719) 336-0261.

August 19, 2008, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

“It Takes a Community to Provide Care for All”

Hotel Boulderado, 2115 13th St., Boulder

Clinica Family Health Services, Inc. – People’s Clinic will be honoring partners in caring such as hospitals, medical clinics, non-profit partners, contributors, and elected officials. Please contact Zola Sheehan at zsheehan@clinica.org to register for this event, and Connie Holden at cholden@clinica.org for further information.

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The Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN) is the collective voice for Colorado’s 14 Community Health Centers (CHCs) and their patients. CHCs provide a health care home to more than 500,000 of their community members - one in 10 people in Colorado - from 54 of the state’s 64 counties. Without CHCs, hundreds of thousands of Colorado’s low-income families and individuals would have no regular source of health care. CCHN’s mission is to increase access to high quality health care for people in need in Colorado. For more information about CCHN, please visit www.cchn.org.

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