



NEWS RELEASE

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August 4, 2009

Colorado Community Health Care Celebrated *Full National Health Center Week Schedule*

DENVER— August 9-15 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 celebrates the access to high-quality, cost-effective, affordable primary health care provided by 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.

Thursday, August 6, 2009, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast Briefing

Peak Vista Community Health Centers, 340 Printers Parkway, Colorado Springs

Peak Vista invites the public to a breakfast briefing to learn about Peak Vista's initiatives, expansion, and how the largest provider of primary health care in El Paso County is involved in health care reform. Join Peak Vista and [El Pomar's Emerging Leaders](#) interested in health care as Peak Vista kicks off its celebration of National Health Center Week. Cost: Free. Contact: Lynn Pelz, 719-228-6606, lpelz@peakvista.org

Friday, August 7, 2009, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Health Fair

Salud Family Health Centers, 1115 Second St., Ft. Lupton

Salud invites the community to participate in its Ft. Lupton health fair featuring health and dental screenings, low cost immunizations, health and safety information, food and entertainment, face painting, an obstacle course, and arts and crafts.

Friday, August 7, 2009, noon – 4:00 p.m.

Annual Block Party

Salud Family Health Centers, 1635 Blue Spruce Drive, Ft. Collins

Salud is hosting its third annual block party at its Ft. Collins location with health and dental screenings; low cost immunizations; health and safety information; donations of car seats, booster seats, children's bikes, and gently used books; with food, entertainment, and face painting.

Saturday, August 8, 2009, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Back to School Health Fair

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Stout Street Clinic, 2100 Broadway, Denver

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless is hosting a back-to-school health fair to help ensure that dozens of children living in motels, shelters or in transitional housing in the Denver metro area get at least the basic screenings and immunizations they might otherwise miss. The health fair will offer hearing, vision and dental screenings; health education; and immunizations. To make the day more fun, there will be balloons, face painters, music and lunch. The first 200 children will each receive a backpack filled with school supplies. Families are encouraged to bring their children's immunization records. For questions, call (303) 285-5272.

Saturday, August 8, 2009

Sterling Parade

Employees of Salud Family Health Centers will participate in the Sterling parade.

Monday, August 10, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Health Fair

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

Salud invites the community to participate in its Brighton health fair featuring free health screenings, well-child information, community information, food, music, face painting, games and raffles.

Monday - Friday, August 10 - 15, 2009, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

High Plains Community Health Center (High Plains), 201 Kendall Drive, Lamar

High Plains staff will perform free cholesterol screenings, blood pressure checks and cardiac risk assessments in the main lobby.

Monday, August 10, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

High Plains Community Health Center, 201 Kendal Drive, Lamar

Local radio station KWAY will be broadcasting via live remote to help High Plains celebrate its 14th anniversary. Additionally, dental staff will be in the lobby throughout the day to hand out information on oral health and schedule dental appointments.

Tuesday, August 11, 2009, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Community Annual Meeting

Pueblo Community Health Center, Inc. (PCHC), event at Ryals Room, 4th Floor, Pueblo City-County Library, 300 Abriendo Avenue, Pueblo

PCHC ., will celebrate its 25th Anniversary with an annual community-wide meeting thanking those who support PCHC, providing an update on PCHC's progress and celebrating National Community Health Center Week. Please visit www.PuebloCHC.org or contact Janet Fieldman: JFieldman@PuebloCHC.org or 719-543-8718, ext. 152 for more information.

Tuesday, August 11, 2009, 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Health Fair

Salud Family Health Centers, 6075 E. Parkway Dr., Suite 160, Commerce City

Salud-Commerce City is co-hosting a Head Start physical fair with Adams County. Immunizations, school physicals, dental screenings, preventive services, and well-child visits will be provided.

Tuesday, August 11, 2009, all day

High Plains Community Health Center, 201 Kendal Drive, Lamar

Staff will be providing care via a Well Woman Clinic from 9:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m., sports physicals from 8:20 a.m. to 11:40 a.m., and will be hosting a class on tobacco cessation from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12, 2009, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Caring for Kids

Northwest Colorado Community Health Center (NCCHC), 745 Russell Street, Craig

NCCHC is hosting a Caring for Kids event that includes drop-in appointments with a visiting pediatrician for school physicals, sports physicals, and well child checks. CHP+/Medicaid and CHC eligibility/enrollment, immunizations, WIC enrollment, vision screenings, dental screenings and mental health screenings will also be available at no charge. Families are invited to take advantage of these free drop-in services. Other fun activities include face painting, games, an art corner, refreshments, and giveaways. For more information, please contact Suzi Mariano at (970) 879-1632 or smariano@nwcovna.org.

Wednesday, August 12, 2009, all day

High Plains Community Health Center, 201 Kendal Drive and Lamar City Fair Grounds, Lamar

The High Plains Outreach Department will be at the Sand and Sage Fair to participate in "Kids Day." Also, staff will be providing care via a Well Woman Clinic from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 13, 2009, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

High Plains Community Health Center, 100 Snowden, Granada

Farm Worker Health Day will be celebrated in Granada at the High Plains' Migrant Clinic.

Thursday, August 13, 2009, 5:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

High Plains Community Health Center, 201 Kendal Drive, Lamar

The High Plains staff are offering a class called "Hearty Eating."

Friday, August 14, 2009, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Community Celebration (breakfast included)

MCPN, South Aurora Family Health Services, 15132 E. Hampden Avenue, Suite G, Aurora, CO 80014

MCPN invites the community to celebrate National Health Center Week with MCPN staff and U.S.

Representative Mike Coffman. MCPN will be honoring the work of MCPN's staff who serve patients throughout the year. Rep. Coffman will join MCPN in presenting the CCHN 2009 Volunteer Clinician Award to Thomas Billroth Gottlieb, M.D. To RSVP for this celebration and appreciation breakfast please contact Liz Martin at (303) 360-MCPN (6276), ext. 1100 or e-mail at lmartin@mcpn.org.

Friday August 14, 2009, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Health Fair

Salud Family Health Centers, 5995 Iris Parkway, Frederick

Salud invites the community to participate in its Frederick health fair featuring diabetes and blood pressure screenings; skin care and skin cancer screenings; dental screenings; car seat safe installation checks; information about immunizations, mental health, prenatal health, women's care, diabetes and nutrition; and family fun, raffles, and food.

Friday, August 14, 2009, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

30th Anniversary Celebration

Uncompahgre Medical Center (UMC), 1350 Aspen Street, Norwood

UMC is celebrating its 30th anniversary with a live band, give-aways, catered goodies and short speeches.

Friday, August 14, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

High Plains Community Health Center, 201 Kendall Drive, Lamar

High Plains will celebrate Men's Health Day with prostate exams, health fair labs, free cholesterol screens, blood pressure checks, and cardiac risk assessments.

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For additional information, please contact: Maureen Maxwell at (303) 861-5165, Ext. 259, cell (303)913-9078, or maureen@cchn.org.

The Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN) is the collective voice for Colorado's 15 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 55 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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