

NEWS ADVISORY

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Colorado Community Health Care Celebrated
National Health Center Week Events

DENVER— August 8-14, 2010, is National Health Center Week (NHCW), dedicated to recognizing the service and contributions of community, migrant, homeless, and school-based health centers. This year's week is celebrating the forty-fifth anniversary of the creation of the Health Center Program, highlighting the work of Community Health Centers (CHCs) in turning the vision into reality. Listed below are NHCW events happening in Colorado.

Friday, Aug. 6, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tenth Anniversary Celebration

Denver Health's Community Health Services, La Casa-Quigg Newton Family Health Center, 45th and Navajo St., Denver

Denver Health's Community Health Services (Denver Health) will celebrate La Casa-Quigg Newton Family Health Center's tenth anniversary in the Sunny Side neighborhood. The celebration is a part of the annual Community Resource Fair supported by the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH), Denver Health, The Denver Foundation, Xcel Energy, and the Denver Housing Authority. Cuernavaca Curanderos will work with local healers in educating the local population in ancient healing traditions such as "Curanderismo." Curanderos are part of a program/research project through local universities which focus on combining ancient traditions of the Southwest with modern sciences of integrative healing modalities. The resource fair is open to the neighborhood and will include a BBQ, live DJ, cooking demonstrations, activities for kids, and raffles. Contact: Tony Encinias, (303) 436-5401 or Tony.Encinias@dhha.org.

Friday, Aug. 6, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

Walk for Wellness

Northwest Colorado Community Health Center, Loudy Simpson Park, Craig

Northwest Colorado Community Health Center (NCCHC) is hosting a Walk for Wellness. This one-mile family-friendly employee walk will take place at Loudy Simpson Park in Craig at 4:30 p.m., with a BBQ to follow at 5:30 p.m. All staff and immediate families are invited and encouraged to join in the fun. Contact: Suzi Mariano, (970) 879-1632 or smariano@nwcovna.org.

Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2010, 11:30 a.m.

Community Annual Meeting

Pueblo Community Health Center, Inc., Rawlings Library, 100 E. Abriendo Avenue, Pueblo

Pueblo Community Health Center, Inc. (PCHC) will host its annual community meeting thanking PCHC's supporters, providing an update on PCHC's progress and celebrating NHCW. Please visit www.PuebloCHC.org or contact Janet Fieldman, (719) 543-8718, ext. 152, or JFieldman@PuebloCHC.org for more information. RSVPs required.

Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010, 12:00 p.m.

National Farmworker Health Day Potluck BBQ and Celebration

Valley-Wide Family Health Services, Inc., 128 Market St., Alamosa

Valley-Wide Family Health Services, Inc. (Valley-Wide) is hosting a potluck in the parking lot and cafeteria of the CHC. Contact: Suzanne DeVore, (719) 587-1022 or DeVoreS@vwhs.org.

Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Block Party at the Park

High Plains Community Health Center, Willow Creek Park, Lamar

The High Plains Community Health Center (High Plains) Block Party is open to all ages. Booths will be set up at the park near the gazebo. There will be booths for cholesterol and blood pressure screenings, dental information, "give-aways" and registration for free drawings, health coaching, and Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) fun for kids. Healthy snacks will be available. Contact: Jay Brooke, (719) 336-0261 or jbrooke@highplainschc.net.

Friday, Aug. 13, 2010, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Potomac Street Health Center Open House focusing on the Medical Home Model

Metro Community Provider Network, Potomac Street Health Center, 700 Potomac St., Suite A, Aurora
Metro Community Provider Network (MCPN) will host an open house celebrating the completion of a medical home expansion construction project, funded by a Recovery Act (ARRA) Capital Improvement Project (CIP) and The Colorado Health Foundation (TCHF) grant. Providers and staff will be available for questions and interviews. Free food and beverages will be provided. Contact: John Reid, (303) 761-1977, ext. 1124, or jreid@mcpn.org.

Friday, Aug. 13, 2010, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Block Party

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

Salud Family Health Center (Salud) of Fort Collins will celebrate NHCW with its fourth Annual Block Party. In keeping with Salud's mission of reducing barriers to health care, this annual event works to make Salud's services more widely known while also highlighting the community partners with whom Salud staff work on a daily basis. Over the past three years, this family-centered event has attracted hundreds of Fort Collins residents to Salud's backyard. Salud will offer low-cost immunizations, free health screenings, information on bike and seatbelt safety, and free food and entertainment at the block party.

Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Back to School Health Fair

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

Each year, the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) helps children living in shelters or transitional housing get the right start at school. The day includes immunizations; dental, hearing and eye exams; health education; and free school supplies for each child. Contact: Renee Shykind at (303) 285-5272 for more information.

Monday, Aug. 9 – Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010

High Plains Community Health Center, Lamar

High Plains schedules a series of health care services and events during NHCW. Below is the schedule:

Monday, Aug. 9 – Retinal camera and pap clinic with Mary Shy

Tuesday, Aug. 10 – Retinal camera and pneumovax clinic

Wednesday, Aug. 11 – Retinal camera, Lunch and Learn Luncheon for staff, and the outreach department will be at the Sand & Sage Fair for "Kid's Day"

Thursday, Aug. 12 – Retinal camera and Block Party at the Park (see above for more information)

Friday, Aug. 13 – Retinal camera, pap clinic with Dr. Taylor (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.), and sports physicals (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Saturday, Aug. 14 – High Plains will attend the Sand & Sage Fair Parade

For more information, please visit <http://www.highplainschc.net/>.

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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 58 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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