

TAOS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER PLANNING PROJECT

A Community Health Safety Net For All



"Taos County is a place where our residents are as healthy as Taos is beautiful."

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS OFFER HIGH-QUALITY, AFFORDABLE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

- ▶ Medical and dental care ▶ Behavioral health and substance abuse care
- ▶ Health education and prevention programs ▶ Point-of-care laboratory testing
- ▶ Chronic disease management, immunizations and medications

COMMUNITY-RUN, COMMUNITY-OWNED

Community Health Centers are run by private non-profit organizations and governed by a community board of directors.

SERVE ALL PEOPLE

- ▶ People of all ages
- ▶ People with and without health insurance
- ▶ People of all races and ethnicities: demonstration of citizenship is not required for service
- ▶ Special populations including homeless, migrant/seasonal workers

PAYMENT AND FUNDING

- ▶ Services are offered on a sliding fee scale based on patient's annual income and family size
- ▶ All insurances are accepted including Medicare and Medicaid
- ▶ Medicare deductibles are waived
- ▶ Eligibility for services is not tied to a client's health history
- ▶ 20% of clinic funds come from a federal grant

PLANNING IS UNDERWAY

The effort to open a Community Health Center is being supported by a planning grant from the Federal Bureau of Primary Health Care within the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA/BPHC). The partners are: El Centro Family Health, New Mexico Department of Health, Holy Cross Hospital/Taos Health Systems, UNM-Taos and UNM Health Sciences Center – Albuquerque and concerned health care providers and community members. The planning group is completing an assessment of the need in our community, developing the service model and preparing to raise funds to open the clinic and realize this vision.

Community input and support are appreciated.

**Call: 575.751.8992 or click on
"Community Health Center"
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El Centro at a glance:

- Excellent primary care for whole family
- Discounted services based on a sliding fee scale
- Discounted lab testing
- Discounted pharmacy services including Patient Assistance Program
- DOH Breast and Cervical Cancer Program participation
- Anticoagulation Therapy (Coumadin) Clinic
- Services for Veterans in all El Centro Clinics
- Certified Medicaid enrollers in all Clinics (MOSAA)
- Extensive point-of-care testing and contract with reference lab available in all Clinics
- Integrated Behavioral Health
- Walk-in immunizations for children
- Pre-Natal Care
- Well-developed Quality Improvement Program that is continuously addressing opportunities for improvement

An array of health programs:

- Diabetes
 - ▶ Asthma
 - ▶ Weight management
 - ▶ Depression
 - ▶ Reproductive Health
 - ▶ Addiction Case Management
 - ▶ Smoking Cessation
- UNM ECHO collaboration in:
 - ▶ Hepatis C care, treatment and education
 - ▶ Pain management
 - ▶ Suboxone opioid replacement therapy
 - ▶ Rheumatological care, treatment and education
- Employee Wellness Program
- Monthly safety and infection control training for all employees
- Annual safety and environmental inspections of all El Centro facilities

EL CENTRO FAMILY HEALTH - WHO WE ARE

El Centro Family Health is a part of the national Primary Care safety net, serving individuals in rural communities throughout Northern New Mexico with primary medical care, dental care, behavioral health care and through many ancillary services such as Health Education.

As a safety net primary care provider, **El Centro Family Health** ensures that no one is turned away for medical help they seek. We accept all private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, and VA coverage, and we offer discounted services to low-income eligible. While the state level of uninsured is 32%, 39% of our patients have no primary insurance and use our discounted services.

El Centro Family Health started as **Centro Campesino de Salud**, a small health center, in 1972 in Espanola, New Mexico. In 1985, **Centro Campesino** changed to **Health Centers of Northern New Mexico** as it expanded into more clinics. The new name, **El Centro Family Health** reflects a deep process of branding and clarification in 2007. Currently El Centro Family Health operates 16 medical, three dental, and two behavioral health clinics in seven counties.