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Health Care Centers Celebrated
A Vital Resource For Quality Health Care


Throughout Health Center Week, our Health Care Centers will hold receptions open to the community to learn more about our services:

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| Monday, August 10, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm | Carpinteria Health Care Center, 931 Walnut Avenue  
                           Franklin Health Care Center, 1136 E. Montecito Street |
| Thursday, August 13, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  | Santa Maria Health Care Center, 2115 S. Centerpointe Parkway |
| Friday, August 14, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm   | Lompoc Health Care Center, 301 North R Street  
                                              Santa Barbara Health Care Center, 345 Camino del Remedio |

The national celebration comes on the heels of new data that shows health centers now serve over 24 million people (or one in 14 Americans) as the largest and most successful system of primary healthcare.

One of the bright spots in America’s healthcare system, health centers started 50 years ago. Today, they have compiled a significant record of success that includes:

- Reducing income and ethnic health disparities nationwide, even in the poorest and most challenged communities
- Reducing infant mortality rates
- Producing $24 billion in annual health system savings
- Reducing unnecessary hospitalizations and unnecessary visits to the emergency room
- Increasing patient satisfaction levels annually

“Every day in our waiting rooms we see the value of having a patient-centered healthcare home,” said Dr. Takashi Wada, the Director of the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. “When people have a place to go for regular care, they use it and stay healthier. We provide a range of services onsite – primary care services, pediatrics, pharmacy, lab, even mental health services. Our patients not only get the care they need under one roof, but they are treated as individuals, with dignity and respect. This is what healthcare should be, and what we celebrate during National Health Center Week.”

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