



Center for
Family Health

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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

CFH SERVICES

More than a Health Center

Community Health Centers, like the Center for Family Health, have been working to close gaps in healthcare since their inception in the 1960s. Born out of the civil rights and war on poverty movements, these health centers exist to provide high-quality, compassionate, healthcare for ALL, regardless of their ability to pay. **More than 1,400 health centers nationwide, including 40 in Michigan, serve over 31 million people.**

We work tirelessly at our locations to continually provide care that is accessible and affordable. Life circumstances for some of our patients necessitate the provision of additional support to help them reach their health goals.

Those supports include:

- Transportation to and from appointments
- Prescription home delivery or curbside pickup
- Translation services
- Nutrition education and support
- Case management
- Medicaid enrollment assistance
- Connecting patients to needed community support services
- Assessing and addressing social drivers of health



*Downtown Facility
505 N. Jackson St., Jackson, MI 49201*

“The Center for Family Health is proud to serve **30,000 patients in the Jackson area**. Seeing the impact we are making on others is what fuels us to continue expanding on our mission of opening the door to healthcare for all. All of this would not be possible without the commitment of our **250 staff members and board members**. My sincerest thanks is extended to each one of you.”

Bill Wypyski, Center for Family Health CEO.

The Center for Family Health’s Board of Directors plays an important role in the success and direction of our center. More than half of our board members receive care at our health center. This is unique to community centers as it has been long recognized that our patients’ voices are instrumental to the success of our organization. The board provides oversight, strategic direction, and valuable knowledge to ensure our mission is executed at every point of care. ■

Opening the door to
HEALTH CARE for *all*

The Center for Family Health is an independent, federally qualified health center that never turns patients away because of inability to pay. It provides comprehensive, quality medical care, dental services and behavioral-health assistance to more than 35,000 patients at its main location in Jackson, a dental center, and four school health centers.

Enjoy a Healthy School Year with Our Convenient School Health Centers

In partnership with Jackson Public Schools and Northwest Community Schools, the Center for Family Health operates four health centers inside schools across Jackson County. Open year-round and available to any community member, the health centers make it easier for your family to receive the care they need.

Students are able to drop-in to see the providers during school hours if they are not feeling well, or they can schedule a routine exam during school hours too. Having these clinics within the school eases access to care for parents and students. Parents do not need to take time off work or have transportation to bring their child to the doctor.

Some Services Provided:

- Physical examinations
- Diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses
- Preventive health services & health education
- Immunizations
- Mental health assessment & therapy
- Referrals for evaluation and treatment of illnesses and injuries not suitable for management in the school health center setting
- Lab specimen collection

Locations:

- Jackson High Health Center
- Parkside Health Center
- Northeast Health Center
- Northwest Community Health Center

GET TO KNOW CFH

MEET TRACY VAN BUSKIRK



Tracy Van Buskirk is the CFH Clinic Manager. Previously working in private practice, Tracy was looking for a way to be more impactful within the Jackson community through

her career. Joining the CFH team was exactly what she had in mind. Nearly eight years later, she is just as passionate about serving her community.

Her favorite part of her job is helping others to find solutions to meet their healthcare needs. This includes innovative health equity programs that allow all patients to receive quality care despite barriers they may experience. Working in an environment that has so many resources for patients is refreshing and empowering. Tracy looks forward to supporting patients and staff members and seeing the new innovations the CFH team put into place for patients.

Celebrating the Heartbeat of CFH – Our Employees

In August, we celebrated **National Community Health Center Week**. It was a wonderful week that gave the Center for Family Health the opportunity to highlight the commitment and passion our staff, board members, and supporters have for our mission – opening the door to healthcare for all.

During this week, we hosted several events for our staff to show them our appreciation for all they do. Check out photos from the week below! ■

