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National Community Health Center Week will be Observed August 7 - 13, 2022



National Community Health Center Week is an annual week-long celebration highlighting the mission and accomplishments of America's health centers over the past five decades. While our approach is community-based and local, collectively we are the backbone of the nation's primary care system.

This year's theme: "The Chemistry for Strong Communities" reminds us of the key elements our health centers utilize to shape a healthy and equitable environment that includes our most vulnerable communities. Community Health Centers are not just healers, we are innovators who look beyond medical charts to address the factors that may cause poor health – such as poverty, homelessness, substance abuse, mental illness, lack of nutrition, and unemployment.

Did you know that health centers provide comprehensive care to 30 million patients at 11,000 service delivery sites in every state and territory in the U.S.? Health centers save the health care system more than \$24 billion annually in reduced emergency, hospital, and specialty care costs.

National Community Health Center Week celebrates and raises awareness to the mission, resilience and accomplishments of health centers in the U.S. At CareSouth Carolina, we provide complete comprehensive healthcare across 5 counties. We are a critical piece of the healthcare system and collaborate with hospitals, local and state governments, social, health and business organizations to improve the health of our overall communities.

CareSouth Carolina Online Patient Portal is Available 24/7



The CareSouth Carolina Patient Portal tool is available to all CareSouth Carolina patients. The portal puts vital information – such as personal health and dental information, appointment dates and times, prescription refill requests – all at the patient's fingertips.

You can enroll at the front desk with your e-mail address and cell phone number. From there patients can send messages to their nurse or provider, make appointments and even view their account statement and pay their bill online.

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CareSouth Carolina welcomes new Family Nurse Practitioner to Dillon Center



CareSouth Carolina welcomes Family Nurse Practitioner Haley Jones to its Dillon Center, located at 1016 Old Latta Highway in Dillon, S.C. Jones, a Dillon County native, brings with her more than nine years of experience in nursing as well as a passion for serving those in rural areas where healthcare is so needed.

"My mission is to continue to provide efficient and affordable care for all ages during an era in which several rural communities suffer from many health risks," said Jones. "I am passionate about providing care and educating my patients and their families on how to obtain optimal health."

Haley Jones, FNP-BC

Jones earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology at Francis Marion University, her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Francis Marion University and her Master of Science in Nursing at South University, Columbia, S.C.

"Over the past decade I have advanced my employment status within the healthcare system from a unit secretary to a charge nurse in emergency medicine, and now to a nurse practitioner," said Jones. "My passion for providing care is what drew me to my profession and I have my family and community to thank for the positive support."

Outside of work Jones enjoys spending time with her husband and two sons. "We enjoy traveling to the beach or mountains, and the majority of our time is spent fishing," she said.

To make an appointment, please call 843-774-4337.

CareSouth Carolina awarded an Outreach and Enrollment Grant worth more than \$600,000

CareSouth Carolina recently received a grant for \$664,179 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources, according to Marek Calhoun, Community Services Director for CareSouth Carolina. Calhoun said the money will be used over a three-year period to fund outreach and enrollment strategies aimed at educating families about the availability of Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and directly assists families with the application and renewal process.

"This was a very competitive grant," said Calhoun, adding that CareSouth Carolina was the only recipient in the state. "In all, 36 organizations in 20 states were awarded this funding, but we were the only one in South Carolina," he said.

"At CareSouth Carolina we're in a position to enroll individuals in Medicaid and CHIP," said Calhoun. "One of the things we do is reach out to those in our community who may not even realize these programs are available to them. I think it's important for not only individuals as adults to have access to quality healthcare whether or not they are insured, but it's even more important for our children to have access to health insurance so they can have a long and healthy life."

CareSouth Carolina hosted a Drive-Thru Back to School Bash in Dillon

CareSouth Carolina helped local students get a jump start on the school year by hosting a drive-thru Back to School Bash on Saturday, July 30, 2022. School supplies were handed out to the first 300 school age children at the Dillon Wellness Center, located at 1647 Commerce Drive in Dillon, S.C.

Joe Bittle, Chief of Community Health for CareSouth Carolina said, "CareSouth Carolina was very excited to assist so many children with school supplies. We appreciate Dillon Wellness Center partnering with us. What better location to reach so many!"



August is National Immunization Awareness Month



August is National Immunization Awareness Month and CareSouth Carolina wants to remind folks that making sure your immunizations are up-to-date is not just a concern for students returning to school. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), many diseases can be easily prevented by administering vaccines – thus protecting you from unseen viruses. The annual observance in August serves to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages.

You have the power to protect yourself and your family against serious diseases like whooping cough, cancers caused by HPV and pneumonia with vaccines. Take the necessary precautions with a simple call to your provider, and avoid potential harm.

"It is really important that parents make sure their children's immunizations are up-to-date," said Sherri Gainey, a Pediatric Nurse at CareSouth Carolina's Hartsville office. "And with so much focus on Covid vaccinations recently," Gainey cautions that "parents shouldn't forget about the HPV shot" for their teens and pre-teens.

To make an appointment for a well-office visit, please call one of our CareSouth Carolina locations.