

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

CareSouth Carolina, a leading healthcare organization dedicated to providing comprehensive and accessible healthcare services to communities, takes pride in recognizing August as Immunization Awareness Month. This month-long initiative aims to raise awareness about the critical importance of immunization, promote vaccination as a fundamental aspect of preventive healthcare, and foster healthier and stronger communities.

Why Immunization Matters:

Immunization is a cornerstone of public health, offering effective protection against a wide range of infectious diseases.

Vaccines have played a pivotal role in eradicating or significantly reducing the prevalence of life-threatening illnesses such as measles, mumps, rubella, polio, and many others. By stimulating the body's immune response, vaccines prepare individuals to fend off potential infections, contributing to reduced disease transmission and preventing severe complications and fatalities.

For more information on vaccines, please call your local CareSouth Carolina office.



IMMUNIZATION REMINDER

IMMUNIZATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR KIDS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN AND 7TH GRADE.



CALL YOUR LOCAL CARESOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.

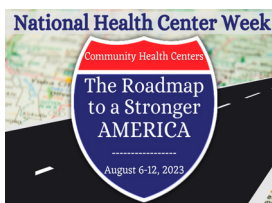


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AUGUST 2023



CareSouth Carolina to Celebrate Community Health Center Week

CareSouth Carolina is proud to join the nationwide celebration of National Community Health Center Week. This annual event, which takes place from August 6 through August 12, recognizes

the critical role that community health centers play in providing accessible and affordable healthcare to underserved populations across the country.

Every August, the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) sponsors National Health Center Week (NHCW) to celebrate and increase awareness of America's 1,400 Community Health Centers (CHCs).

National Health Center Week is an opportunity to highlight the commitment and passion of Community Health Center staff, board members, and supporters who make it possible to provide quality, comprehensive healthcare services to more than 30 million patients across 14,500 communities annually.

For more than 40 years, CareSouth Carolina has served as a medical home — a place where people can experience healing, caring relationships — regardless of their personal circumstances. As a community health center, we understand our patients to be part of our family. We are part of their community, and we deliver a comprehensive set of services that meet the whole need — from pediatrics to pharmacy to community outreach — all under one roof.

The theme for 2023 is "The Roadmap to a Stronger America." Community Health Centers provide comprehensive care to more than 30 million patients at 14,500 service delivery sites in every U.S. state and territory. They are not-for-profit organizations driven by the mission to improve the well-being of the communities they serve. By providing highly coordinated and integrated care, Community Health Centers save the healthcare system more than \$24 billion annually in reduced emergency, hospital, and specialty care costs.

EACH DAY OF NHCW 2023 IS DEDICATED TO A PARTICULAR FOCUS AREA:

- Sunday, 8/6: Public Health in Housing Day
- Monday, 8/7: Healthcare for the Homeless Day
- Tuesday, 8/8: Agricultural Worker Health Day
- Wednesday, 8/9: Patient Appreciation Day
- Thursday, 8/10: Stakeholder Appreciation Day
- Friday, 8/11: Health Center Staff Appreciation Day
- Saturday, 8/12: Children's Health Day

MEDICAL LOCATIONS:

Hartsville • Society Hill • Bennettsville • Bishopville • Cheraw • Chesterfield • Dillon • Lake View • Latta • McColl

PHARMACY LOCATIONS:

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Full-Service CSC Community Pharmacy Set to Open in Dillon

**Opening
August 21**

**With
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**CSC
Community
Pharmacy**

All Prescriptions Welcome
Convenient Drive-Thru Available

Monday-Friday
8:30AM-6:00PM

1016 Old Latta Highway
Dillon, SC 29536

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CareSouth Carolina will soon be opening a new pharmacy at its Dillon medical office (1016 Old Latta Highway Dillon, SC 29536) on Monday, August 21.

The addition of an onsite pharmacy means that patients will no longer have to wait for next-day delivery and can conveniently walk straight to the pharmacy for their medication needs. This development has been hailed as a significant step forward in providing enhanced care and improved patient experiences.

“Being able to actually open up a pharmacy in Dillon for CareSouth Carolina will be huge for the patients that utilize our medical facility,” CareSouth Carolina Chief of Pharmacy Ashley Singleton said. “Now, they’ll be able to have a pharmacist to speak to, put a face with a name, develop relationships, and have all the benefits that come with continuity of care. Hopefully, that will make the process much smoother for the medical team, pharmacy team, and most importantly, the patient, as we are all working under one roof.”

The pharmacy accepts all major insurances and is open to all, even those who are not patients of CareSouth Carolina, and aims to be a full-service pharmacy that offers excellent care through consultation and affordable prices on prescriptions. The pharmacy is equipped to handle various services, including the 340-B retail program, and has a full-service drive-thru.

The CSC Community Pharmacy will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, providing ample opportunities for patients to access their prescriptions. For more convenience, patients can also download the mobile app, Mobile Rx, which allows them to manage and fill their prescriptions online.

CareSouth Carolina announces New School-Based Counselor in Chesterfield County



Cynthia Griffin,
MA, LPC

CareSouth Carolina is pleased to announce the addition of Cynthia Griffin, a licensed professional counselor, to its school-based counseling team. With her extensive experience in counseling and dedication to improving the well-being of children and families, Cynthia brings a wealth of expertise to the community.

Griffin holds a Master of Arts in Professional Counseling from Liberty University, she also earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Liberty University. As a South Carolina Licensed Professional Counselor, Cynthia will provide school-based services to several local schools in the community.

“It was an easy decision for me,” Griffin said. “I have always enjoyed working with young people. They go through a lot of different stages in life and being able to help them as they are progressing through is something that I have a real passion for. Kids help make me stay young.”

With more than 10 years of counseling experience, Griffin has made a significant impact in the mental health field. She has previously served at Tri-County Community Mental Health Center (SCDMH) in Chesterfield County Schools, providing clinical services to children and families through a school-based collaborative approach.

“She comes to us with a profound background in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Child First Forensic Interviewing skills, and Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing Therapy, along with many other skills,” CareSouth Carolina Director of Behavioral Health Amy Cook, LISW-CP/S said. “We are very excited to have Cynthia join our team.”

Outside of work, Griffin most enjoys spending time with her family. She has been married to her husband for 33 years and has two children, as well as two grandkids and one more on the way. In addition, she enjoys reading, spending time with her friends, and being outdoors.

CareSouth Carolina Recognized Nationally With Prestigious Award



Amy Cook, LISW-CP/S, Director of Behavioral Health and Daniel Myers, MAT/SUD Program Director accept the RCORP Champion Award in Washington, DC in July 2023.

CareSouth Carolina has been recognized as a Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) Champion for their outstanding commitment, achievements, and innovations in addressing substance use disorder.

This prestigious award, presented by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, acknowledges CareSouth Carolina’s dedication to combating the opioid crisis through the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program.

CareSouth Carolina’s Director of Behavioral Health, Amy Cook, LISW-CP/S, and Daniel Myers, MAT/SUD Program Director, received the award in Washington, D.C. The recognition is a testament to the organization’s tireless efforts and transformative

initiatives in addressing substance use disorder within their community.

CareSouth Carolina has played a pivotal role in establishing the Rural Opioid Community Response Consortium. This consortium, formed under its leadership, focuses on destigmatizing treatment for opiate and other substance use disorders. With its three main objectives—prevention, treatment, and sustained recovery—the consortium aims to support individuals of all ages struggling with opiate use disorder or dependency.