

CareSouth Carolina Recognizes World Aids Day



World AIDS Day is an annual event observed on December 1st, dedicated to raising awareness about

the global AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection. It serves as a day to remember and mourn those who have lost their lives to the disease and to demonstrate support for those living with HIV. The day also aims to encourage efforts to prevent new infections and promote understanding and compassion for individuals affected by HIV/AIDS.

CareSouth Carolina, through Care Innovations, plays a crucial role in providing comprehensive HIV/AIDS primary health care services. These services are offered to individuals in Chesterfield, Darlington, Lee, Dillon and Marlboro Counties, contributing to the broader effort of addressing the impact of HIV/AIDS in the community.

For those seeking more information about these vital services, CareSouth Carolina encourages individuals to reach out by calling 843.339.5527.



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December 2023

Distinguished Provider Sylvia McKoy Watts, APRN, FNP-BC, Bids Farewell After More Than 20 Years at CareSouth Carolina



Sylvia McKoy Watts, APRN, FNP-BC

CareSouth Carolina announces the retirement of Sylvia McKoy Watts, APRN, FNP-BC a highly esteemed Family Nurse Practitioner whose illustrious career has left an indelible mark on the field of healthcare.

Sylvia's journey in healthcare began at the Medical University of South Carolina, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, as well as a Master of Science in Nursing, specializing as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Over the course of her career, Sylvia dedicated her expertise to various healthcare settings, with a primary focus on Family Medicine. Her impactful contributions were felt at the Chesterfield Clinic Corp in Bennettsville, SC, Maxton Family Practice in Maxton, NC, and notably at CareSouth Carolina in McColl, SC, where she began her tenure in October 2002.

"Having a connection with the community and my patients, seeing generations of families, and helping in the rural setting have been the highlights of my time here," Watts said. "Educating clients to take care of themselves and their families has been a rewarding experience. I'm officially a great-grandmother, and it's time to go home and enjoy my family, travel, and do the things that I have put aside until this point."

Sylvia's commitment to her profession is underscored by her active membership in the American Nurses Association and the South Carolina Nurses Association. Her contributions were recognized with prestigious awards, including the Ryan White Program Award from CareSouth Carolina in 2011, the Innovators Award in 2005, and the Maternal-Child Health Outstanding Award from the Pee Dee Health District- DHEC in 2000.

"Sylvia has been such a cornerstone to our services in McColl - she will be missed. But we wish her the very best in her retirement," CareSouth Carolina CEO Ann Lewis said.

Sylvia McKoy Watts' retirement marks the conclusion of a remarkable 47-year career in the medical field. Her legacy as a Family Nurse Practitioner, coupled with her dedication to patients and the community, will leave a lasting impact.

"Sylvia McKoy Watts is loved and respected by her patients," CareSouth Carolina McColl Site Administrator, Pat Graham said. "She will be greatly missed by her patients and co-workers. She always speaks the truth in love. I have had the pleasure of working with her for over 15 years and I know firsthand the care she gives her patients, as I have been one of them. We are happy for her but sad for us. We wish her the best as she moves on, but will absolutely miss her."

CareSouth Carolina extends its deepest gratitude to Sylvia McKoy Watts for her exemplary service and wishes her a fulfilling and joyous retirement.

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November 1, 2023 - January 15, 2024

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The coverage obtained during this period can kick in as early as January 1, allowing people to start the new year with the protection they need. This annual Open Enrollment Period is a critical window for those seeking health insurance coverage through the Affordable Care Act, providing a chance to secure quality healthcare that aligns with their financial resources and health requirements.

Certified by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), CareSouth Carolina staff are available and offer free assistance in educating the community and helping individuals complete an application for coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace created through the Affordable Care Act.

“I’m excited for this year’s open enrollment cycle,” Community Health Navigator Jacqueline Anderson said. “We have a great opportunity to offer assistance to residents in the Pee Dee and South Carolina with obtaining health insurance through the Marketplace. When enrolling and re-enrolling, consumers now have more choices available from health insurance issuers.”

CareSouth Carolina has Certified Application Counselors on staff to help you navigate through the web-based health insurance site, www.healthcare.gov.

The Marketplace is a way to find health coverage that fits your budget and meets your needs. With one application, you can see all your options and enroll.

Every health insurance plan in the Marketplace will offer essential health benefits, including doctor visits, preventative care, hospitalization, prescriptions, and more. The Marketplace can compare plans based on price, benefits, quality, and other features important to you before you make a choice. You can call any CareSouth Carolina health center for assistance.

To reach a Certified Application Counselor, you can call 1-866-498-0399.

CareSouth Carolina Welcomes Newest Provider in the Chesterfield Office and School-Based Counselor



CareSouth Carolina proudly announces the addition of Pamela Jones-Monroe, LPC to its team, a seasoned Licensed Professional Counselor with over twelve years of experience. Pamela’s extensive background includes roles such as Hospital Liaison, CCRI Center Person Staff, and Lead Clinical Staff at the South Carolina Department of Mental Health.

“I was looking for new experiences and the opportunity to treat the whole patient. I like the concept of CareSouth Carolina and treating the whole patient. My biggest thing with CareSouth Carolina is that everything comes together for the patient. They can get it all under one roof,” says Pamela about her decision to join CareSouth Carolina.

Having previously worked in school-based counseling, Pamela will extend her expertise to three Chesterfield County schools while also providing counseling at the CareSouth Carolina Chesterfield office.

She’ll be providing both immediate and long-term assistance to individuals who may experience depression, PTSD, anxiety, grief, family issues, substance dependency, and many other psychosocial needs.

“Seeing the progress of patients. That’s one of the best experiences when you’re helping somebody set goals and be able to follow through,” she said. “I love people, and I think you have to have a love and passion for people to be able to help them. The most rewarding is being able to help people find their way and helping them with their needs.”

To make an appointment with Pamela Jones-Monroe, please give the office a call at 843-623-5080.



HOLIDAY Closure Dates

CHRISTMAS: FRIDAY, DEC. 22 & MONDAY, DEC. 25
NEW YEAR’S: MONDAY, JANUARY 1
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