

HealthReach Community Health Centers



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Look for HealthReach Community Health Centers at Common Ground Country Fair

UNITY -- HealthReach Community Health Centers, an organization comprised of 11 health centers throughout central and western Maine, will be at the 2013 Common Ground Country Fair, September 20-22, in the Health and Wellness Tent. All fair-goers are encouraged to stop by the tent to meet providers, staff and board members and receive health tips, free giveaways, and information about saving money on health care.

The 11 practices of HealthReach Community Health Centers provide essential, well-rounded health and dental care to nearly 30,000 people each year. Their Affordable Care Program provides reduced rate health care for those who qualify and a Behavioral Health Specialist is at each facility to offer on-site mental health services. HealthReach has locations in Albion, Belgrade, Bethel, Bingham, Coopers Mills, Kingfield, Livermore Falls, Madison, Rangeley, Richmond, and Strong.

The health centers provide Patient-Centered Medical Home quality care, focusing on prevention and education and offer many community health programs throughout the year.

At the Richmond Area Health Center, Nurse Practitioner Tom Bartol created the Star Program, a community weight loss program that has helped patients lose a combined 11,000 pounds in just three years. Similar weight loss programs have been held at health centers in Madison and Coopers Mills.

Sharon Smith-Bouchard, dental hygienist at the Strong Area Dental Center, teaches proper dental care to area school children each year, a service she has been providing since the Dental Center opened 10 years ago.

"We are looking forward to meeting everyone at the Common Ground Fair and letting them know that all of our health centers provide essential preventive services that can lead them and their families on the path toward wellness," says President and CEO Connie Coggins. "We support Common Ground's mission and we appreciate the opportunity to represent community health care at the fair."

To learn more about HealthReach Community Health Centers visit www.HealthReachCHC.org.

HealthReach Community Health Centers is a system of eleven federally qualified health centers in Central and Western Maine. Dedicated providers deliver high quality healthcare to citizens in over 80 rural communities. To ensure access for everyone, HealthReach accepts major insurances, Medicare and MaineCare. In addition, uninsured and underinsured patients have access to an Affordable Care Program and assistance with applications for other programs that help with health care and medication costs. A private, non-profit organization celebrating 38 years of providing care, HealthReach is funded by patient fees, grants and individual donations.

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