

HealthReach Community Health Centers



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HealthReach Receives Grant Supporting Effort to Solve Drug Addiction Crisis

WATERVILLE - HealthReach has received a two-year Substance Abuse Expansion Grant from HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration). With the funding, the organization plans to increase substance use screening, education and treatment services for patients its 11 practices.

Staff will participate in training proven successful in helping people find new strategies to handle the stressors that contribute to drug and alcohol misuse and addiction. In addition, HealthReach will increase efforts to work collaboratively with other organizations providing services to community members.

The funding is part of a national effort to support substance abuse treatment programs at 271 community health centers in 45 states, including four in Maine. HRSA, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary federal agency for improving health and achieving health equity through access to quality services, a skilled health workforce and innovative programs. HRSA's programs provide healthcare to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically vulnerable.

HealthReach Community Health Centers is a system of eleven federally qualified health centers in Central and Western Maine. Dedicated providers deliver high quality health care to citizens in over 80 rural communities. To ensure access for everyone, HealthReach accepts Medicare, MaineCare and major insurances. In addition, we offer an Affordable Care Program to uninsured and underinsured residents and assist with applications for other programs that help with the cost of health care and medications including the Health Insurance Marketplace. A private, non-profit with a 41-year history, HealthReach is funded by patient fees, grants and individual donations.

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