



BETHEL Family Health Center



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With the welcome arrival of spring bringing golden tulips, indigo irises and cherry blossoms, we look forward to many other new beginnings as well. Bethel Family Health Center has made a number of recent improvements that we wanted to share with you.

Continuity of Care Enhancement



In order to improve our continuity of care, we have made great strides in ensuring that our patients are now scheduled with the same provider, whenever possible. In addition, each of our four providers now has his/her own nurse or medical assistant who works exclusively with that provider. Sue Martin, RN supports T. Kevin Finley, DO and Leeann Wright, MA works with Rich DeCarolis, DO. Cynthia Cushman, MA supports Jennifer Landry, PA and both Jeannine Thornton, LPN and Linda Vieweg, LPN assist Jan Whitworth, PA. Patients have remarked that they have noticed a difference and prefer connecting with the same provider-nurse team when visiting the health center and making inquiries by phone.

Relationship with Local Hospital Expansion

Our health center recently implemented laboratory improvements. We have discontinued performing most lab testing on site but have negotiated a new contract with Stephens Memorial Hospital. This allows us to continue drawing blood on site and then sending out the lab specimens to SMH for testing. Patients benefit because they prefer to receive as many services as possible close to home. Those patients who qualify for our sliding fee program will receive a discount on their lab testing directly from SMH. Medical lab technician, Bonnie Largess, continues to manage our lab services.

Family Planning Service Enhancement

Starting in May, we will be offering additional Family Planning Services to our patients. Through a contract with the Family Planning Association, we will be dispensing contraceptives right at the health center on a sliding fee scale based on family size and income.

Facility Facelift

Have you noticed our new appearance? Thanks to the generous donations of paint and paint supplies from several area businesses - Home Depot in Auburn and Bolster's in Bridgeton, our health center has been undergoing a facelift. Staff members have kindly volunteered supplies, time and renovation skills. Many of our rooms have been repainted with the remainder to be completed shortly.



Office Hours

Monday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday: 8:00 AM - 12 noon

Services

- Care of acute & chronic illnesses
- Checkups for the entire family
- Routine pediatric care
- Immunizations for children & adults
- School & sports physicals
- Osteopathic Manipulation
- Well-women exams & routine gynecological care
- Family planning services
- Physical therapy
- Nutrition, exercise & lifestyle counseling
- Laboratory services
- Minor surgery
- Referrals to specialty care & community resources
- X-rays
- On-call emergency coverage-24/7
- Sliding fee program for those who qualify
- Podiatry services
- Traveling van for osteoporosis screenings
- Counseling
- Tobacco Voucher Program

Providers



Jan Whitworth, PA



Kevin Finley, DO



Jennifer Landry, PA-C



Richard DeCarolis, DO