



Family Health Centers

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Family Health Centers Opens New Dental Office

(LOUISVILLE, KY) The Family Health Centers, Inc. has opened a new dental office as part of its East Broadway location (834 East Broadway). In 2016, FHC received a \$350,000 annual grant award from the Health Resources and Services Administration to expand oral health services to underserved communities in the Commonwealth. “Dental care is a huge need for our patients,” states Bill Wagner, CEO of FHC. “The Family Health Centers’ model is to provide multiple services in one location, to care for the whole person. This new dental office removes barriers to obtaining dental services and is a valuable service for the community.” Kentucky consistently ranks poorly on measures for oral health; in a recent Commonwealth Fund Report on Health System Rankings (2017), Kentucky was ranked 49th out of the 50 states for the number of adults with significant tooth loss.

The Family Health Centers’ new, seven-chair dental office includes digital radiography, electronic dental records, and a state-of-the-art sterilization lab with the capacity to serve 3,250 unique patients annually. Low-income individuals are particularly vulnerable to poor oral health outcomes and are more likely to forgo dental care. FHC offers its services on a sliding-fee-scale to individuals whose incomes are at 200% or below the Federal Poverty Level, helping low-income families overcome the biggest barrier to dental care, the cost of services. “We don’t want the cost of care to prevent someone from getting important cleanings and check-ups,” says Dr. Stephanie Poynter, Director of Dental Services for FHC. “We know that good oral health is a foundation for overall health, and providing affordable dental services will pay dividends for our community.” In addition to this dental office, FHC operates two other Phase I dental offices, at FHC-Portland and FHC-Phoenix, a Health Care for the Homeless site.

The FHC-East Broadway dental office is part of FHC’s overall expansion at this location. Opening in 2015 as part of a \$6.5 million renovation of the old American Standard building, FHC-East Broadway was the largest expansion in the organization’s 40 year history. FHC has been present in the neighborhood since 1981, and growing demand for comprehensive primary and preventative services drove the organization’s decision to relocate and renovate the more than 30,000 square foot site. In addition to dental services, FHC-East Broadway’s offers adult primary care, pediatrics, women’s health including prenatal care, integrated behavioral health, substance abuse, laboratory, pharmacy, and health classes such as smoking cessation, aerobics and diabetes care management.

Family Health Centers, Inc. (FHC) is a not-for-profit community health center who provides access to high quality primary and preventive health care services to everyone. Our vision of service is to provide you and your family with the same care and attention we would want for our families and ourselves. Family Health Centers is one of the largest primary care providers in the state, serving more than 39,000 individuals annually through a network of seven health center locations throughout Louisville Metro. Learn more at www.fhclouisville.org.

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