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Being a part of our Mission

If you haven't checked it out yet, our donation page has made contributing to our mission easier than ever before. Hunter Health remains committed to improving the health and wellbeing of everyone in our community. We want everyone, whether insured or uninsured, to have access to the healthcare services they need. It's our firm belief that a flourishing community springs from thriving, healthy individuals.

Our revamped donation platform offers an intuitive and secure pathway to back our mission. It's easy to make a one-time gift or set up recurring donations—whichever suits your giving style best. Every contribution aids us in providing essential care, developing facilities, and supporting programs that leave a lasting impact on our community today and for future generations.

We are endlessly thankful for our generous donors. If you're interested in supporting us, please visit our updated donation page today and help build a healthier community for all.



Follow us. We're excited to share we recently launched our new TikTok and Instagram pages! These pages are a great way for us to connect with our community and share more about the work we do at Hunter Health. **3**

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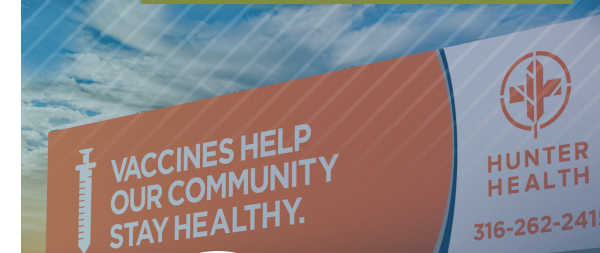
NEW!

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 **Instagram@HunterHealthClinic**

Please visit our website at **hunterhealth.org** and check out everything it has to offer. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and working with you in the weeks ahead to make a difference in the community. **6**

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Spreading the Message: Hunter Health's New Back-to-School Vaccination Campaign ▶▶



As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering healthier communities, we at Hunter Health are excited to announce the launch of our new ad campaign. From now through mid-September, you'll see and hear us on TV, radio, billboards, and more.

The campaign's aim is to draw attention to an essential yet often overlooked aspect of back-to-school preparation—routine vaccinations. Amid the frenzy of school supply shopping and outfit planning, we want to remind parents about the importance of vaccinations, which are important in securing a safe, healthy learning environment for all children.

Our message is critical:

“We believe in protecting every fun moment, every day of learning, and every playground laugh. That's why we're here to give your child the vaccines they need to have a happy and healthy school year.”

By driving home this theme, we hope to inspire families to prioritize vaccination appointments.

We are eager for this campaign to make a positive impact on families across our community, and help improve their health and wellbeing.

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Introducing Daniel Fowler as Chief Operating Officer

We are excited to introduce the newest addition to the Hunter Health family, our Chief Operating Officer, Daniel Fowler.

Born and raised in Wakefield, a charming small town in Kansas, Daniel is no stranger to the warm sense of community we value so deeply at Hunter Health. Growing up near Junction City/Manhattan area, he has always been an active participant in Kansas communities, and we're thrilled he's bringing his passion and experience to our mission.

Daniel's familiarity with our cause stems from a healthcare career spanning almost a decade in the Wichita area. His journey in healthcare began with developing a Rehabilitation program at Via Christi in Wichita for Cancer Survivors. Inspired by

personal experiences, he wanted to help patients maintain their strength and quality of life throughout treatment. Daniel served in this capacity for nearly five years, before transitioning to a leadership role in the healthcare sector.

Daniel's career then took a turn from a patient-facing role to the business and leadership side of healthcare, taking on the role of Practice Manager of Physician Operations and later as the Medical Practice Director at Hutchinson Regional, where he developed outpatient service lines.

We are excited to have Daniel bring his rich experience, energetic leadership, and passion for community healthcare to the Hunter Health team, and are excited to see how he'll contribute to our mission.



Hunter Health Clinics Receive Re-Recognition as Patient-Centered Medical Homes

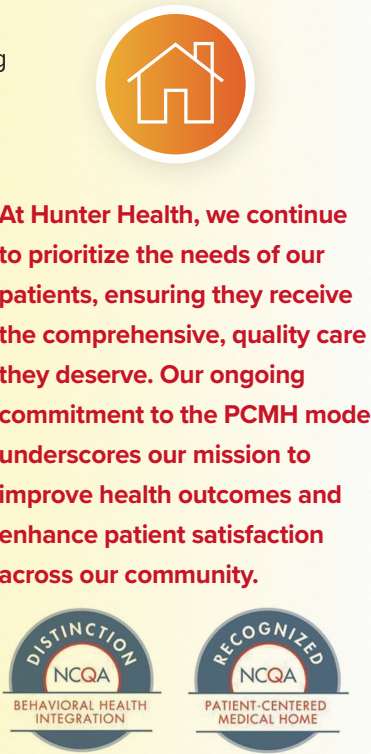
This comes with special recognition for PCMH-Behavioral Health. This Re-Recognition process is a testament to our unwavering commitment to continuous quality improvement and adopting a patient-centered approach to care. This achievement is also indicative of the hard work and dedication of our staff, who continually strive to deliver excellent and personalized healthcare services.

The concept of a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) is all about placing patients at the heart of healthcare. It aims to build stronger relationships between patients and their clinical care teams, leading to improved quality of care and better patient experiences.

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), an organization dedicated to improving health care quality, provides the following insight on the PCMH model:

“The patient-centered medical home is a model of care that puts patients at the forefront of care. PCMHs build better relationships between patients and their clinical care teams. Research shows that PCMHs improve quality and the patient experience, and increase staff satisfaction—while reducing health care costs. Practices that earn recognition have made a commitment to continuous quality improvement and a patient-centered approach to care.”

At Hunter Health, we continue to prioritize the needs of our patients, ensuring they receive the comprehensive, quality care they deserve. Our ongoing commitment to the PCMH model underscores our mission to improve health outcomes and enhance patient satisfaction across our community.



Community Health and the Power of HIV Testing

It's National HIV Awareness Month, a time to bring attention that HIV testing can be a matter of life or death. It's a truth Tara Nolen, Hunter Health Community Health Manager, drives home.

“HIV testing is critical for everyone, even those who think they're not at risk.” She says

regular testing is necessary for everyone age 13 to 64, with annual testing vital for those involved in high-risk behaviors.

Despite the importance, HIV testing is plagued by stigma and misconceptions. Certain communities still face higher rates of HIV, including black men and women, Native Americans, and Hispanics. Nolen says open conversations about testing are instrumental in breaking down stigma and creating an environment where getting tested is seen as an act of responsibility, not shame.

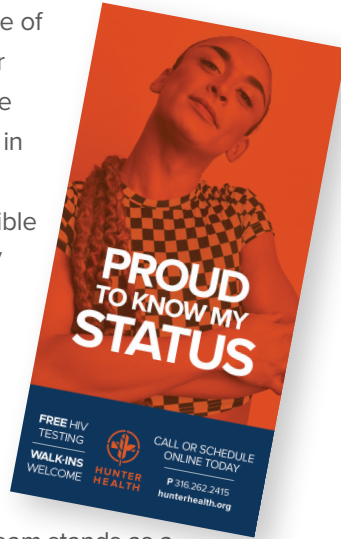
“We just have to talk about it,” she says. “Be proud of the fact that you've gotten tested. Letting people know that it's okay for them to get tested too can be a very powerful message.”

Misunderstandings extend to the testing process itself. Contrary to the popular belief that HIV results take a long time, Nolen states, Fear of getting tested – and the results themselves – is the cause of a significant barrier to testing.

“We have a rapid test that just takes a few drops of blood... and you can know within 60 seconds whether you're positive for HIV or not,” Nolen says. “You don't have to be afraid of your test results... whether you're positive or negative, our HIV counselor can help you through whatever your next step may be.”

Under the guidance of Tara Nolen and her dedicated team, we are making strides in community health. By offering accessible and affordable HIV testing, we can provide early detection and thus timely treatment for those testing positive. The work of Nolen and her team stands as a testament to how the fight against HIV extends beyond just medical intervention. It's a fight that requires changing mind-sets, building trust, and, most importantly, empowering individuals to take charge of their health.

And that's precisely the difference that Hunter Health is making.



Summer Outreach Reflecting on our commitment to serving the community

As the temperatures rise, our commitment to serving the community never wavers. Let's reflect on the events we were honored to be a part of in June, as well as preview what's lined up for July.

Last month, we had the privilege of participating in the annual Keeper of the Culture event at the Mid-America All-Indian Museum. This vibrant powwow was a celebration of the Native American community. It was a day of deep connection, mutual respect, and community wellness, showcasing the rich diversity that makes our society thrive.

The next day, we proudly stood with the LGBTQ+ community at the Pride Festival and parade. We rejoiced in the strength of diversity and unity and our participation echoed our mission - to provide inclusive, accessible healthcare that respects all identities. Events like this emphasize the importance of celebrating each other's differences while reinforcing the necessity for quality healthcare for everyone.

With June behind us, we're eagerly looking forward to the rest of the summer. First up, we're taking part in the Sunset Summer Fest on July 22nd at McAdams Park. The theme this year is 'Wealth and Health', and

we'll be offering health screenings. We're proud to be a part of the event featuring live music, delicious food from a variety of trucks, and a stunning sunset.

Lastly, we're geared up for the Convoy of Hope Resource and Career Fair on July 29th. We are thrilled to provide health screenings and connect with community members on a personal level, fostering healthier futures together. This combined effort of churches, businesses, and non-profits promises to bring real, tangible hope to families living in need.

Through all these events, we aspire to be more than just a health center – we aim to be a beacon of hope, a friend, and a partner in the wellness journey of our community members.

