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June brought vibrant celebrations of **Pride Month**, a special time dedicated to recognizing the bravery, resilience, and diversity of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer-plus (LGBTQ+) community.

At Hunter Health, we celebrate this month not only as a testament to diversity and personal identity, but also to emphasize the significance of Pride Month as an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the need for quality and equitable healthcare for the LGBTQ+ community. Many individuals within this community encounter substantial obstacles when seeking healthcare services.

The gravity of these challenges is starkly highlighted in The Trevor Project's 2024 U.S. National Survey on the Mental Health of LGBTQ Young People. The report found that 39% of LGBTQ+ young people seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year — including 46% of transgender and nonbinary young people. And 50% of LGBTQ+ young people who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it.

It's vital to remember that the road to achieving health equity for the LGBTQ+ community is a continuous journey. United in our efforts, we can ensure that everyone, regardless of their identity, has access to quality, inclusive, culturally informed, and equitable healthcare.



Follow us. Did you know we are also on TikTok and Instagram? These pages are a great way for us to connect with our community and share more about the work we do at Hunter Health.

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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 to make a difference in the community.

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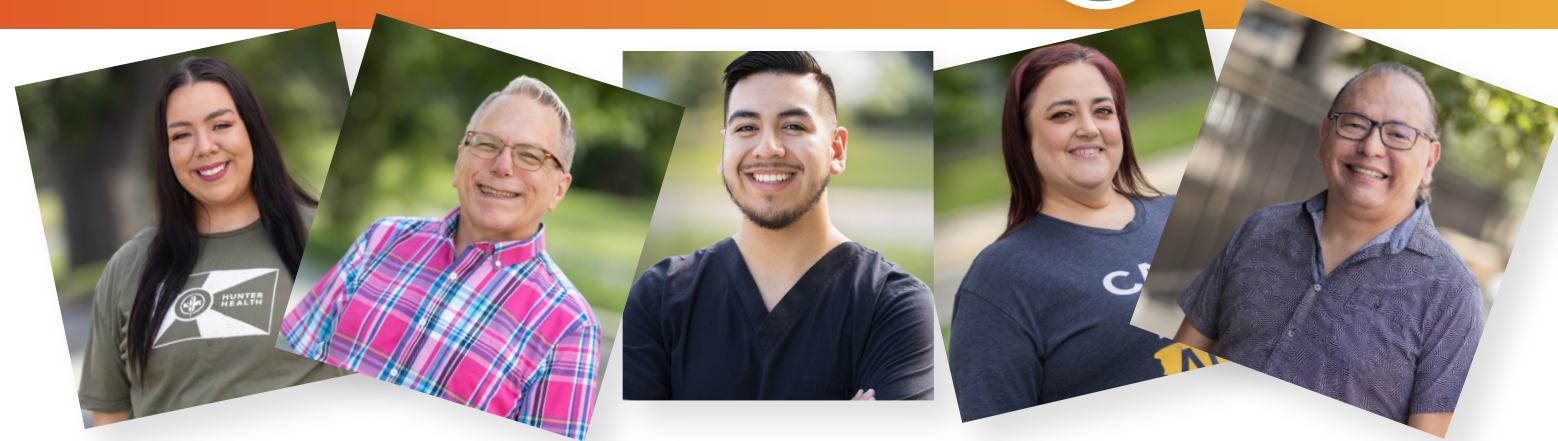
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We Celebrate Our Staff



Pictured are proud LGBTQ+ members of our staff: Aerial, Robert, Anthony, Mimi, and Rod.

BIG WIN for HUNTER HEALTH on COMPLIANCE VISIT

Hunter Health participated in a HRSA OSV from July 9th – 11th, 2024. The HRSA OSV is a time once every three years when the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) visits a community health center to do an operational site visit (OSV). HRSA OSVs play a critical role in ensuring that federally funded community health centers deliver high-quality, accessible healthcare services to underserved communities while upholding standards of accountability and compliance.

Most health centers expect to have 8-12 findings with an OSV. With everything reviewed, our clinic had only two findings out of 93 possible items. That is a 98% compliance! Because HRSA evaluates clinical practices, patient outcomes, and adherence to healthcare guidelines, there is a direct line from a lack of findings to the high quality and care we provide our patients.

Our amazing performance could not have been possible without **Erin Janke**, our Director of Quality, Compliance, and Risk. Erin has worked at Hunter Health since March of 2023, and this was her first HRSA OSV. She worked with the team to prepare for the visit and to collect and submit our forms. All three reviewers commented on how impressed they were by the organization of our documentation.

From the Administration and Governance reviewer:

“This has been really good. You were easily in the top two of my reviews this year.”

From the Clinical Operations reviewer:

“A+! I can tell your clinical staff are passionate about serving the community. They work well together as a team.”

From the Financial Management reviewer:

“Great job on the OSV! This was well organized.”

This was our opportunity to show the HRSA reviewers how we improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in our community. Through the hard work of Erin J. and many on our team, our federal partners at HRSA came to see the high-quality and compassionate healthcare we provide our local community!

Celebrating JUNETEENTH



On June 19, 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to tell the more than 250,000 enslaved Black people in the state that were free. This day came to be known as Juneteenth, now officially a federal holiday. Here is what some of our staff members had to say about it.

Davette McCoy

“Juneteenth is a day of reflection. It's a day to honor those that helped fight for freedom. And to remember that we still have injustices that we're fighting. As a dental hygienist, it's important to note that only about 4% of dental hygienists in America are African American. So I believe that our ancestors paved the way to allow me to further my education and go to school and pursue my dream.”



Christine Reed

“When I was a kid, Juneteenth wasn't a federal holiday. I feel like now, there's more awareness to it. It makes me feel good that kids are learning about it in school, for my children and my children's children, to help them understand what our ancestors went through and the outcome that came from it. It helps them to be able to stand up for themselves. That's the whole point of this, just being who we want to be and doing what we want to do.”



Airele Campbell

“To me, Juneteenth is a story of resilience, faith and hope. When those 2000-plus soldiers marched into Galveston and freed 250,000 people, they didn't just get free, they got better. They unified with their families, they joined politics, they bought lands, they celebrated their freedom. So I carry on that spirit of hope and resilience and laying the framework for everyone to have a better tomorrow.”



Lena Norwood

“Juneteenth is a celebration of black culture. A celebration of equality. I personally didn't know much about Juneteenth when I was a kid. And then it slowly became more prevalent to me. Growing up, I don't remember having black doctors or nurses. Now I think people come in and see a person of color, they're a little more comfortable, so it makes a big difference.”



Treshia Forsythe

“Juneteenth impacts me because I strive to know as much as I absolutely can about my profession, so that I can reach out to the community and let them know about ways that I'm able to help or that Hunter Health is able to help them in different avenues of life. Juneteenth is an opportunity to reach out to our community and say, ‘Hey, you are somebody. We do care. We do see you.’”



OUT and ABOUT

June was a busy month for Hunter Health! We were out in the community for several community outreach events.



The **WPS Native American Program Summer Camp** hosted two sessions at the Mid-America All-Indian Museum. A staff member discussed cultural identity with students, followed by **Rosalie Gaulier** presenting on oral health education.

Hunter Health participated in The **Emergency Food Assistance Program** distribution event, providing free groceries to over 100 families despite the scorching weather.

At McAdams Park's annual **Juneteenth event**, our Outreach Team offered free rapid HIV tests and engaged with the community.



Director of Indian Health Service, Roselyn Tso, Visits Hunter Health

Hunter Health was honored to have **Roselyn Tso**, Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS), visit its **Central Clinic** for a recent visit.

Since becoming the Director of IHS, Ms. Tso set a goal to visit all IHS sites. This allows her to gain a better perspective on national and regional issues affecting the tribal members served by IHS. The purpose of her visit to Wichita was to learn about the services Hunter Health provides to Native American patients and issues that may be impacting the community. Serving more than 1,700 Native Americans annually, Hunter Health was the first and is currently the only Urban Indian Health Provider in Kansas.

Ms. Tso is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and leads the IHS, the principal federal healthcare advocate and provider for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, serving approximately 2.7 million individuals across the U.S.

