



PRESS RELEASE

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Peak Vista Celebrates National Health Center Week

Colorado Springs, Colo. – All this week, Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista) is celebrating National Health Center Week (NHCW), an annual event honoring the mission and life-saving work of the over 1400 community health centers across the country.

About National Health Center Week

This year, National Health Center Week is celebrated August 6-12, 2023. Each day has a critical focus, highlighting the various patient populations that Peak Vista and other community health centers serve, as well as recognizing the providers, staff, and stakeholders who ensure health centers thrive. Focus days include public health in housing, health care for people experiencing homelessness, agricultural worker health, children's health, and appreciation days for patients, stakeholders, and staff.

The week is promoted by the National Association of Community Health Centers.

Colorado Springs City Council Honors Peak Vista with a Proclamation

Peak Vista is honored to announce that by proclamation, the Colorado Springs City Council has declared this week, August 6-12, 2023, as "Peak Vista Community Health Centers Week" in Colorado Springs. The proclamation also recognizes Peak Vista for providing cost-effective, high quality, comprehensive primary health care to one in ten people in our community.

The Importance of Community Health Centers and Peak Vista

Community health centers provide preventive and primary care services to over 30 million people throughout the United States. In Colorado, 1 in 7 people are served by community health centers.

Peak Vista is the only Federally Qualified Health Center in the region and provides comprehensive primary health care to people of all ages, regardless of health insurance status or ability to pay. Founded in 1971 as a volunteer-led organization, Peak Vista has grown to provide care to more than 81,000 patients through 22 locations across Colorado's Pikes Peak and East Central regions.

Celebration of National Health Center Week at Peak Vista

To celebrate National Health Center Week, Peak Vista has planned a variety of activities in its health centers and within the community. On Monday, the organization will deliver care bags of needed items to community partners serving individuals experiencing homelessness. On specific recognition days, they'll have fun giveaways for patients and staff, themed coloring pages in waiting rooms for children, recommended reading each day, and more. Legislators

have been invited to tour the health centers, and staff will have several internal opportunities to celebrate.

For more information on Peak Vista's National Health Center Week activities, visit peakvista.org/NHCW23.

About Peak Vista Community Health Centers

Peak Vista Community Health Centers is a nonprofit organization providing exceptional health care to people facing access barriers through clinical programs and education. Celebrating over 50 years of community health service, Peak Vista offers primary medical, integrated behavioral health and dental care services. We proudly serve over 81,000 patients annually through 22 outpatient centers in Colorado's Pikes Peak and East Central regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit www.peakvista.org.

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