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**Peak Vista Community Health Centers Celebrates National Health Center Week 2016**  
National Campaign Celebrates Health Centers as Bipartisan Solutions in Healthcare

**Colorado Springs, Colo.** – Peak Vista Community Health Centers is celebrating National Health Center Week 2016 (NHCW), as part of a national campaign (August 7-13) to raise awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America’s Health Centers the largest and most successful system of primary healthcare.

One of the bright spots in America’s healthcare system, health centers started over 50 years ago as a pilot project during President Lyndon Johnson’s War on Poverty. Today, they have compiled a significant record of success that includes:

- Producing \$24 billion in annual health system savings
- Reducing unnecessary hospitalizations and unnecessary visits to the emergency room
- Treating patients for a fraction of the average cost of one emergency room visit
- Maintaining patient satisfaction levels of nearly 100 percent
- Generating \$26.5 billion in economic activity and over 230,000 jobs
- Reducing infant mortality rates

Health centers not only prevent illness and foster wellness in the most challenging populations, but they also produce innovative solutions to the most pressing health care issues in their communities. They reach beyond the walls of conventional medicine to address the factors that may cause sickness, such as lack of nutrition, mental illness, homelessness and addiction. Because of their long record of success in innovation, managing health care costs, and reducing chronic disease, leaders in Congress have declared health centers a model of care that offers a “bipartisan solution to the primary care access problems” facing our nation.

There are NHCW events scheduled across the country, including health fairs, visits by members of Congress and state officials to local health centers, press conferences, back-to-school drives, community breakfasts, patient appreciation events, free health screenings and dental cleanings and much more.

To learn more about NHCW and the listing of events please visit: [www.healthcenterweek.org](http://www.healthcenterweek.org).

You can also follow the conversation using #NHCW16 or #CHCsInnovate on Twitter.



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**About Peak Vista Community Health Centers**

Peak Vista Community Health Centers is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide exceptional healthcare to people facing access barriers. Established in 1971, Peak Vista now offers primary medical, dental and behavioral health services to nearly 84,000 patients annually in the Pikes Peak and the East Central Plains regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit [peakvista.org](https://peakvista.org).

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