**BI-STATE PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION** 

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THE ROADMAP TO A STRONGER AMERICA National Health Center Week, August 6 -12, 2023

VERMONT – JULY 31, 2023 – Vermonters will join communities across the country to celebrate National Health Center Week 2023 August 6 – August 12 in recognition of the services Community Health Centers provide to keep our communities healthy and safe. Located in every state and U.S. Territory, Community Health Centers are the backbone of the nation's primary health care system that look beyond medical charts to address the factors that may cause poor health, such as poverty, homelessness, substance use, mental illness, access to nutritious food, and unemployment.

Vermont's Community Health Centers provided primary medical, dental, behavioral, and/or substance use disorder services to more than 184,000 Vermonters through 711,566 patient visits among 73 clinical sites in 2021 (latest data available). To find a Vermont Federally Qualified Health Center near you visit: <u>https://bistatepca.org/centers/</u>

VERMONT EVENT

Community Health 71 Allen Street, Rutland, VT COMMUNITY HEALTH/CHAMBER & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUGUST MIXER https://healthcenterweek.org/event/cedrr-august-mixer/ August 8, 2023: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Contact: Jill Jesso-White jjwhite@chcrr.org (802) 770-0142

Learn more about National Health Center Week: <a href="https://healthcenterweek.org/about-nhcw/">https://healthcenterweek.org/about-nhcw/</a>

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## **About Bi-State Primary Care Association**

Bi-State Primary Care Association is a nonprofit organization that represents New Hampshire and Vermont's 28 Community Health Centers serving over 315,400 patients at 143 locations across every county in New Hampshire and Vermont. Bi-State works to promote access to quality, affordable primary health care with an emphasis on reaching underserved populations. Bi-State Primary Care Association was founded as a 501(c)3 charitable organization in 1986 with offices in Bow, New Hampshire, and Montpelier, Vermont.

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