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**Wisconsin Community Health Centers Celebrate National Community Health Center Week  
August 7– 13**

Madison, WI – Wisconsin's 17 Community Health Centers are celebrating National Community Health Center Week, August 7 to 13. Throughout the state, Community Health Centers are holding community events, providing tours, and hosting panels to showcase the unique services that each Community Health Center provides to their communities. The Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association (WPHCA), on behalf of Community Health Centers, encourages patients, partners, and policymakers to explore [Wisconsin National Health Center Week Events](#), and discover the amazing ways that Community Health Centers respond to the needs of their communities.

This year, WPHCA is highlighting the incredible services that Community Health Centers provide, while acknowledging the immense workforce shortages faced across the health care industry. WPHCA will be hosting a policymaker and partner briefing, [Community Health Centers: The Current State of Our Workforce](#), to share how Community Health Centers across the state are creatively deploying and building their most precious resource – their workforce. Staffing pressures are not unique to Community Health Centers, and the solutions are as varied as the challenges they face. This briefing will explore innovative practices and provide examples for how to support Community Health Centers as they meet the need for medical, dental, and behavioral health care in both rural and urban communities in Wisconsin. Speakers include staff from Community Health Centers across rural and urban areas of the state, including Human Resources Directors, Oral Health leaders, and staff forging partners with schools and colleges. During this briefing, WPHCA will also identify policy and budget opportunities to support the health care workforce and highlight findings from a new workforce issue brief. WPHCA invites all legislators and community partners to join.

As part of National Health Center Week, community members and lawmakers are invited to learn more about local Community Health Centers and celebrate their mission. Please visit [wphca.org](#) to learn more about our upcoming policy priorities, issue briefs, and to find a Community Health Center near you.

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WPHCA is the member association for Wisconsin's 17 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs, or Community Health Centers). Community Health Centers are non-profit, community-directed medical, dental, and behavioral health clinics