



Family HealthCare Center

Family Healthcare (FHC) of Fargo is a non-profit, Federally Qualified Community Health Center (FQCHC) that has provided medical, dental and pharmacy services to low-income and homeless persons in the Fargo-Moorhead region since 1990. The clinic serves a large, rural area of southeastern North Dakota and western Minnesota, with some patients traveling as far as 200 miles for medical or dental care. FHC serves more than 12,000 patients each year.

The population served by the clinic has grown five-fold over the past decade, and the number of patients who are homeless has almost doubled over the past three years. Because FHC's space was extremely limited it could not meet the increasing demand. In order to ensure it was able to serve all patients that depended on their services, FHC needed to expand.

Securing traditional financing for the expansion project proved difficult. In 2011, Dakotas America and Wells Fargo Community Development Enterprises provided a combined \$15 million in NMTC financing to make the expansion project possible.

Completed in October 2012, the new facility allowed FHC to consolidate its three facilities into one central location and more than doubled the clinical space available. The expanded location allows FHC to provide primary care to 19 more patients each day, or 5,000 more every year. The new facility houses 30 medical exam rooms, 7 dental operatories, 2 optometry rooms, and new space for behavioral health practitioners, lifestyle medicine programs, administrative offices, and meeting areas.

FHC's new facility provides the additional space needed to meet demand, while eliminating the overhead and administrative burden that is associated with offering services at multiple locations. Additionally, the added space created 18 more clinical positions, bringing current staffing to 138 full-time employees, with new services including behavioral health, optometry, and a wellness program.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

- Fargo, ND
- 31% poverty rate
- 11.4% unemployment rate
- Median income 70.3% of Area Median Income

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Health care center
- Total Project Cost: \$15.5 million
- NMTC: \$15 million
- Investor: Wells Fargo
- Jobs: 36 construction, 18 new direct, 120 retained



Top: New Family HealthCare Center

Bottom: Family HealthCare Center emphasizes diabetes education for patients