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CARE CLINIC

Key milestones in the history of the Care Clinic:

- 1993** The Care Clinic provides its first services with volunteer providers at a weekly evening clinic. 294 patient visits are provided.
- 2005** The Care Clinic achieves 501(c)(3) nonprofit designation.
- 2006** The Care Clinic relocates to its current location in the Medical Office Building in Frisco.
- 2006** The first Behavioral Health services are provided in the primary care setting through the support of the Advancing Colorado's Mental Health Care initiative. The Care Clinic is a leader statewide in the implementation of Integrated Care.
- 2007** The Dental Department opens with two operatories and volunteer dentists.
- 2008** The Care Clinic is chosen as one of eight sites nationally to participate in an Integrated Care Research and Demonstration Project, sponsored by the National Council on Community Behavioral Health. Based on the success of that pilot project, the Medical Director was chosen to testify to the US Senate's Mental Health Caucus.
- 2012** Management of Summit County's School Based Health Centers (SBHCs) is transferred from Summit County Public Health to the Care Clinic. Summit County's SBHCs were originally created in 1992 through robust, community-wide collaboration and were amongst the first in Colorado.
- 2013** Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike Status is achieved, providing federal reimbursement benefits.
- 2015** Federally Qualified Health Center Status is achieved, providing federal base grant funding. The service area of the Care Clinic is expanded to incorporate all of Chaffee and Lake Counties and adjoining portions of Park and Grand Counties in addition to Summit County.
- 2015** A School Based Health Center is created in the Lake County School District.
- 2016** Designation as a Level 3 Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) is achieved. PCMHs play a key role in achieving the "triple aim" of better quality, better patient experience and reduced cost.
- 2016** Lake County Dental opens in Leadville.

- 2017** An expanded dental clinic opens on the 3rd floor of the Medical Office Building, providing an additional 3,200 square feet of clinical space and six dental operatories. Prior dental rooms are retrofitted to provide additional primary care space.
- 2018** The Care Clinic begins provision of dental services in the Lake County Dental office in Leadville to enhance access to care for residents of Lake and Chaffee Counties.
- 2018** A School Based Health Center opens in the Park RE-2 School District in Fairplay, providing fully integrated services (medical, behavioral health and dental, including restorative services).
- 2018** New service additions include restorative dental services in the Lake County SBHC and Behavioral Health services at the Family and Intercultural Resource Center (FIRC) in Silverthorne. A Comprehensive Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) program is created to in the Summit County schools to provide in-community services to adolescents who are stepping down from hospitalization and/or for those needing a higher level of therapeutic care.
- 2019** All schools in Summit, Lake and Park RE-2 School Districts are added to the Care Clinic's scope of work, enabling the provision of behavioral health services at all school facilities, including those that do not house a school based clinic.
- Today** The Care Clinic provides nearly 30,000 visits to more than 8,000 patients annually, but still holds true to its mission of never turning anyone away due to an inability to pay.