



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Sunshine Community Health Center

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What's New at SCHC?

Both the Talkeetna Clinic and Willow Clinic have new staff members.

In Talkeetna:

Anita Ellsworth is a our new nurse. Anita came to us from Anchorage. She brings a wealth of experience to her new position here at SCHC.

Nancy Claypool is the new Patient Services Manager, overseeing Registration, Medical Records, Scheduling

and Needy Meds.

Nancy comes to SCHC with 25 years of experience in the medical field working the front desk, billing and is a medical assistant.

Linda Rao our new Patient Advocate with a primary responsibility for handling all new patient registrations, certifying everyone on the sliding fee, and assisting patients with securing other social services needs.

In Willow you will find Aimee Juntunen at the front desk, she will be assisting Bonny Salsbery with registration, and collection of payments .

New Services include case management and services for individual and families affect by domestic violence. You can call any time no need to make a medical appointment.



Happy Holidays from all of us at Sunshine Community Health Center- Talkeetna and Willow.

New Patient Advocate Position at SCHC

In November Linda Rao started as the first Patient Advocate /Outreach Worker for Sunshine Community Health Center at the Talkeetna Clinic. Linda's position was created to provide better patient services to all our patients. Her primary role is to register all new patients and discuss the sliding fee with all patients, new and established. She will also work with patients who need to be connected with other social services locally and in the lower valley and Anchorage.

All new patients will be given an appointment with Linda before your medical appointment to register and to establish where you are on the sliding fee scale. If you have social service needs you can call Linda to make an appointment. She is here to help.

Check us out on the web at

www.sunshineclinic.org

There you will find updates on special clinic, staff and new services.



Helping Families in Crisis

With funds from the Bachelor's Society Sunshine Community Health Center has services to help women and children who are in crisis.

To access these services you may contact the Linda Rao, Patient Advocate; Cici Schoenberger, BH Specialist; or Sharon Montagnino, Executive Director.



Pick, Click and Give

Sunshine Community Health Center (SCHC) is pleased to announce that we are part of Pick.Click.Give. for 2010. The first year of the program was a success with approximately 5,100 Alaskans giving more than \$545,000 to their favorite organizations. We are excited about the opportunity to participate this year.



By giving through Pick.Click.Give, you join others to become an important force in bettering our communities and our state. For those of you who already support **Sunshine Community Health Center**, we appreciate your gifts and hope you will use this option to make an additional donation.

SCHC is all about providing quality health care services to individual and families regardless of one's ability to pay for services. We offer medical, dental, and behavioral health service to individuals and families in Talkeetna, Willow, Trapper Creek, and surrounding communities. In collaboration with the Sunshine Transit Collaborative, we started a van services to get people to health care appointments, the grocery store, credit union, food bank, senior meals, and other stops between the Roadhouse and the "Y". **By donating through Pick, Click, and Give to Sunshine you will help us to continue the "van" service, increase our early childhood services, and help fund the construction of the new Willow Clinic.**

When you go on-line to sign up for your dividend, you will see an option to "Pick.Click.Give." Follow the instructions to make a new donation, or an additional gift. At the same time, please take the extra step you will see after you make your donation to provide your contact information to us. We want to acknowledge and recognize your generous support, and this is the only way we will know it's you making the gift.

You can find more information about the program, including frequently asked questions at www.PickClickGive.org.

Medications Reminders

All medications **MUST** be paid for when picking them up.

If you need a medication refill you **MUST** call 72 hours (3 working days) in advance.

Sliding Fee Renewals

If it is time for you to renew your sliding fee information remember you need to bring in proof of income (last three pay stubs), a an MEA bill or some other document showing your physical address, and complete the sliding fee form indicating all residence of your household and all household income. Sliding fee guidelines are established by Federal Office of Health and Human Services. The slide is based on federal poverty guidelines, which are modified each year.

Sunshine Van

Van operates Monday thru Friday 7am to 7 pm.

You can pick up a schedule at the Clinic, Roadhouse, Cubby's, Moore's, and MVFCU.

