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La Clinica to open health center at Kids Unlimited Academy

La Clinica will serve students and their families at a new school-based health center at Kids Unlimited Academy starting Sept. 4. The health center on the Medford charter school's campus at 821 N. Riverside Ave., is La Clinica's 11th school-based location. It is the first to extend care to adults in the students' families.

"Kids Unlimited Academy is shaping the future for one of the most underserved areas of our community. The decision to partner with them seems like a natural fit," La Clinica Outreach Director Ed Smith-Burns said.

Space in the main Kids Unlimited building was remodeled over the summer to create two medical exam rooms and two mental health therapy rooms. The health center will be staffed with a full-time nurse, a part-time primary care provider, a mental health provider, and an office specialist. The center at Kids Unlimited Academy aims to serve 500 patients.

"We are excited and grateful for our partnership with La Clinica," said Jani Hale, principal at Kids Unlimited Academy.

La Clinica's school-based health centers provide quality, comprehensive health care that is affordable and convenient for families. In 2017 the network of 10 centers on campuses in the Medford, Phoenix-Talent, and Central Point school districts served 2,776 children who made 12,936 visits. The services ranged from immunizations and treatment of minor childhood ailments to well child/adolescent visits and mental health counseling.

Major contributors to the new health center include these foundations: Carpenter, Chaney Family, Cow Creek Umpqua Indian, West Family, Gordon Elwood, and Anna May Family.

About La Clinica

La Clinica offers medical and dental care at 19 sites: six primary health centers, East Medford Dental Clinic, 11 school-based sites, and in a mobile center. Although its mission focuses on providing access to low-income people, La Clinica is open to everyone.

La Clinica was founded in 1988 to serve the primary and preventive needs of the migrant and seasonal farm workers in Jackson County. In 2001, in response to an increasing need for affordable primary health, La Clinica expanded its scope to serve every member of the community. All services are offered regardless of a patient's ability to pay, and on a sliding-scale basis for the uninsured and low income.

About Kids Unlimited

Founded in 1998, Kids Unlimited provides high quality youth-development services to Southern Oregon families. The organization opened a public charter school in 2013, focusing on helping students from working families excel through extended learning time, enrichment programs, and a curriculum that focuses on closing the achievement gap.