

NEWS & UPDATES

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MAPS SBHCs Construction

Construction on our MAPS SBHCs continues this month, leading up to the opening of our two new locations in September: Lincoln Community School and Center for Learning. Please call us at (507) 388-2120 to make an SBHC appointment.



Appointments available for MAPS students, staff, and their families.



What is a School-Based Health Center?

A School-Based Health Center (SBHC) is a clinic located within the school system. Open Door Health Center will open the MAPS SBHCs this fall. A licensed Nurse Practitioner will provide care at both locations.



AVAILABLE SERVICES

Sports physicals

Wellness exams

Vaccinations

Acute illnesses

Minor injuries

Fall 2026 Clinic Days



Lincoln Community School
110 Fulton St. Mankato, MN 56001

11:30 AM - 4:30 PM

9/17, 10/1, 10/29, 11/12, and 12/10



Center for Learning
15 Map Drive Mankato, MN 56001

7:30 - 11:30 AM

9/22, 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, 11/17, 12/1, & 12/15

*Most insurance is accepted.

Sliding fee based on household size and income available to uninsured and underinsured.
No one turned away based on inability to pay.



Admin staff making snow cones!



Kids enjoyed the bounce house.



ODHC staff built building block figurines in celebration of NHCW.



Mankato Public Safety joined us for Night to Unite.

National Health Center Week

National Health Center Week is a celebration of health centers across the country. The first week in August is spent celebrating America's nearly 1,500 health centers and highlighting the work they do for their communities. The National Association of Community Health Centers' theme for 2026 was "Building Innovative Care Where it Matters Most". ODHC focused on different aspects of our health center each day, highlighting the work we are doing in our community now and in the future.



Night to Unite

Our second annual Night to Unite event was a huge success! In celebration of National Health Center Week, we invited our staff, patients, board members, and the local community to join us for an afternoon filled with free activities and an opportunity to learn more about our organization. Attendees enjoyed snow cones, friendly games of cornhole, jumping in the bounce house, coloring, delicious treats, and tours of our Mankato location. Join us next year for our third annual Night to Unite event!



Staff Activities

During National Health Center Week, our Employee Engagement Committee puts in great effort to organize fun activities that celebrate our work and allow us to express our creativity. This year, we hosted several events, including a week-long scavenger hunt to find building block toys hidden at both of our clinic locations. After discovering all seven hidden spots, employees were invited to create something that reflects our NHCW theme. A special thanks to our partners at Bricks and Minifigs Mankato for donating the building block toys!



Connection

Each day of National Health Center Week, we celebrated a different part of this year's theme: our history, staff, patients, health conditions, populations, partners, and gratitude and future vision. All of these factors connect to make up the "why" behind our important work. Our **mission** is to be a partner in improving the health of all community members, and we **envision** a future where everyone has what they need to live a healthy life.

Monthly Health Topics



- Breastfeeding
- Immunization Awareness
- MedicAlert Awareness
- Summer Sun Safety



- Childhood Cancer
- Healthy Aging
- Preparedness
- Suicide Prevention



- Breast Cancer
- Chiropractic
- Dental Hygiene
- Health Literacy

Upcoming Community Events

ODHC partners with the **St. Peter Free Clinic** to provide childhood vaccinations and nursing support **twice a month in August, September, and October.**

Outreach RN Kim VanHoudt will be at the Mankato **Salvation Army** providing blood pressure checks and patient education on the **second Wednesday of the month in August, September, and October.**

ODHC providers will be at **Connections Shelter** every other **Monday** to oversee Mayo residents providing clinical care throughout the shelter season (Oct-May).

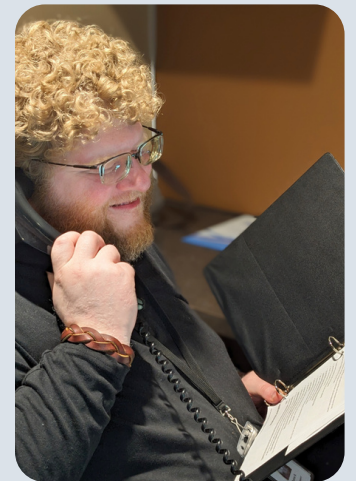
Open Door will be at Party on the Plaza at Nicollet Commons Park in Burnsville on August 13 with resources and crafts!

Insurance Navigation

Federal changes are coming to Medicaid and Medical Assistance (MA) this fall! Through our free insurance navigation services, we can help explain these changes to you and provide details on how you can make sure you keep your coverage. ODHC staff are trained and certified by MNsure to help people understand and enroll in public or private health insurance offered through the state. This vital partnership ensures that Minnesotans who qualify for state-offered programs are able to access them and receive assistance in keeping their insurance up-to-date.

Call us at (507) 388-2120 to speak with one of our insurance navigators.

For more information about the upcoming federal changes, visit the Minnesota DHS website at mn.gov/dhs/federalchanges/.

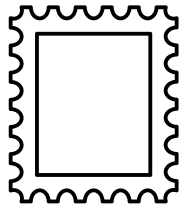


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Mankato

Behavioral, Dental,
Medical, Chiropractic

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Wednesday: 8am-5pm
Thursday: 9am-5pm
Friday: 8am-5pm

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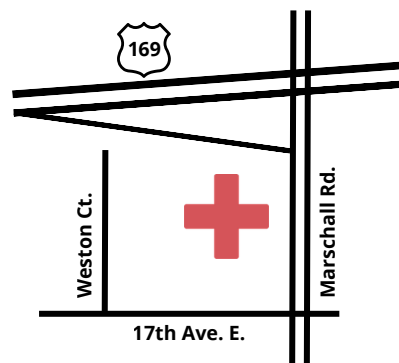
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Open Door Health Center at the SCIHC



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