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Pediatric Care in Community Health Centers

- Erie’s pediatric health program cares for patients from birth to age 18. Services include well-child visits, immunizations, school examinations, growth and developmental screenings, asthma management, tuberculosis and lead testing, and hearing and vision screenings.

- Erie focuses on childhood obesity, a critical health issue, and ranks in the top 10 percent of community health centers nationally for the percentage of children and adolescents whose body mass index (BMI) is documented and who receive counseling on nutrition and physical activity.

- Erie has close partnerships with Lurie Children’s Hospital and the University of Chicago to provide health care to children with special needs or chronic illnesses.

- In Calendar Year 2017, Erie served over 34,000 patients under age 18, representing 47% of all Erie patients.

School-Based Health Centers

- Erie operates five school-based sites, serving about 1,300 patients through 24,000 medical visits each year, making it one of the largest school-based health providers in the City of Chicago.

- School-based sites provide on-site access to general health services and special programs like asthma management education, as well as behavioral health support. School-based health center patients have access to Erie’s entire network of health centers, which offer specialized services.

- Erie also provides classroom-based health education programs at its school-based sites. These programs have demonstrated effectiveness in increasing knowledge and promoting healthy lifestyles among students around nutrition, physical activity, family life and sexual health.

- Erie Johnson and Westside Health Centers provide health care services to community members in addition to students.

- Erie’s school-based health centers are:
  - Erie Amundsen School-Based Health Center, 5110 N. Damen Ave., Chicago
  - Erie Clemente Wildcats Student Health Center, 1147 N. Western Ave., Chicago
  - Erie Johnson School-Based Health Center, 1504 S. Albany Ave., Chicago
  - Erie Lake View School-Based Health Center, 4015 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago
  - Erie Westside Health Center at Laura Ward Elementary School, 646 N. Lawndale Ave., Chicago
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Erie Teen Center

- Erie also operates Erie Teen Center, the oldest and most comprehensive health center serving teens and young adults in the Chicagoland area. Adolescent services provided include primary medical care; reproductive health services; family planning; contraceptive decision-making support; pregnancy testing; prenatal care; STI/HIV counseling, testing and treatment; case management; and behavioral health counseling.

- In Calendar Year 2017, Erie Teen Center provided these services to over 8,000 patients over 9,400 visits.

- Erie Teen Center is open on evenings and weekends to accommodate teens' schedules and transportation services are available.