About Erie Family Health Centers

Founded on Erie Street in Chicago in 1957, Erie Family Health Centers is a community health center that provides high-quality, compassionate health care services. Serving over 73,000 medical patients and 12,500 dental patients at 13 centers throughout the city and surrounding suburbs, Erie delivers comprehensive primary medical and dental care that responds to the needs of each community. Erie’s highly skilled providers, innovative partnerships and forward-thinking approach make it a national leader for the provision of community-based health care.

Services

Erie offers a wide range of primary health care services for pregnant women, babies, children, teens, adult men, women, and seniors, including women’s health and prenatal care, dental care, school check-ups and vaccinations, and chronic disease management. In addition, Erie provides behavioral health, case management, and health education as wraparound services to ensure total patient wellness and empower patients to manage their health. Erie’s expanded network offers access to locations providing additional services such as optometry and podiatry.

In addition to Erie’s services, it has partnerships with local hospitals and other agencies and makes referrals for services not offered at Erie health centers. With its hospital and academic partners, Erie also is a leader in training the next generation of doctors and dentists, especially those who will work in underserved communities.

Awards and Recognition

In August 2015 and subsequently, the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) recognized Erie as an “Access Enhancer,” based on our provision of comprehensive care to increasing numbers of patients. In December 2014 and subsequently, HRSA also recognized Erie as a “Health Center Quality Leader.” Both times, our quality measures placed Erie in the top tier of all health centers nationally. In addition, Erie has been recognized as a “Top Workplace” five times by the Chicago Tribune.

By the Numbers

- Erie serves over 73,000 medical patients and 12,500 dental patients in 13 locations via 350,000+ patient encounters, including 11 in Chicago, one in Evanston, and one in Waukegan.
- Erie employs more than 650 staff, including over 200 health care providers.
- 71% of Erie patients are Hispanic, 97% live at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, and 29% are uninsured.
- 60% of Erie’s patients have Medicaid coverage. Latinos and immigrants (both highly represented among Erie patients) have low rates of health insurance coverage, related to fears of engaging with governmental/ quasi-governmental entities, cultural traditions, and other issues. For those who do access benefits through Medicaid, there is a provider shortage, indicating the need for Erie’s services.
Locations

Erie currently has 13 sites, including seven large primary health care centers (four with integrated dental care), one adolescent-only health center, and five school-based health centers.

- Erie Amundsen School Based Health Center, 5110 N. Damen Ave., Chicago
- Erie Clemente Wildcats Student Health Center, 1147 N. Western Ave., Chicago
- Erie Division Street Health Center, 2418 W. Division St., Chicago
- Erie Evanston/Skokie Health and Dental Center, 1285 Hartrey Ave., Evanston
- Erie Foster Avenue Health and Dental Center, 5215 N. California Ave., Chicago
- Erie HealthReach Waukegan Health Center, 2323 West Grand Ave., Waukegan
- Erie Helping Hands Health Center, 4747 N. Kedzie Ave., Chicago
- Erie Humboldt Park Health and Dental Center, 2750 W. North 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 Teen and Young Adult Health Center, 2418 W. Division St., Chicago
- Erie Westside Health Center at Laura Ward Elementary School, 646 N. Lawndale Ave., Chicago
- Erie West Town Health Center, 1701 W. Superior St., Chicago