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Montana Heads Program to Benefit Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers in Wyoming
The healthcare program that addresses the needs of migrant and seasonal farmworkers in Wyoming returns after a brief absence



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-Velma Stingley
Area Service Coordinator for Ag Worker and Health Services

The Wyoming Migrant Health Center Program returns to Powell under a new name and leadership after an 11-month absence. The Montana Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Council Incorporated (MMC) was awarded the grant, and reopened the doors to the Migrant Health Center as Ag Worker and Health Services in early December.

The program closed one year ago in January and shortly thereafter was made available to applicants to reopen the clinic. It was announced in September that MMC would be given the reigns. One of the first steps MMC took was to bring back the Area Service Coordinator Velma Stingley.

"It's great to be back and providing services to people doing agricultural work in Wyoming. Our clinic services are affordable and available not only during regular business hours, but also after 5pm and on Saturdays. We can also do special clinics at workplaces if needed. Charges for services are based on a person's annual income and no one is denied care due to an inability to pay."

Ag Worker and Health Services offers free enrollment assistance for Marketplace health insurance, but is currently unable to see patients. They do offer an application to receive health care services at a clinic location in Billings, Montana. Stingley says as soon as a nurse practitioner and registered nurse are hired, clinic

services will be available in Powell also. She said interested job applicants should call their clinic headquarters at 1-800-813-4492.

Stingley hopes the new name of the migrant health program will encourage more people to come through their doors to apply for services.

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“I think that because of the previous name, many people who may have been eligible, didn’t apply. Ag Workers and Health Services is more inclusive and hopefully conveys that anyone doing agricultural work, anywhere in the state, can call and apply for these valuable clinic services.”

The Ag Worker and Health Services Program is located in Powell at 149 North Bent Street and can be reached by calling 307-754-3240. For more information on Migrant Health Programs please visit the National Center for Farmworker Health at: www.ncfh.org.

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