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### **Primary Care Center honors National Health Center Week 2010**

The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department's Primary Care Center will honor National Health Center Week (Aug. 8-14) doing what it always does: providing the best possible medical, mental health, dental and pharmacy services to its patients. The center's mission is "to provide quality care to all who need us."

"Celebrating America's Health Centers: Turning the Vision into Reality" is the theme for National Health Center Week (NHCW) 2010, which provides an opportunity to focus on the progress we have made towards fulfilling the goal of providing a health care home to 30 million patients in the United States by 2015. This is the first time that health centers have celebrated NHCW since the enactment of the landmark health reform law, which provides a direct investment to strengthen primary care through the expansion of Community Health Centers. Health centers have been in the public spotlight because now more than ever as the uninsured and casualties of the economic recession are seeking their services. That is why funds from the **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act** have made it possible for health centers to serve over two million patients, and over one million uninsured patients since it was enacted.

In 1982, when the first records were kept, the LFCHD Primary Care Center operated with 49 staff members who provided service to approximately 10,000 patients with more than 27,000 visits. In 2009, the center had grown to 120 staff members (including eight physicians, five nurse practitioners, five dentists, four pharmacists, three licensed clinical social workers and one physician's assistant) that provided service to 17,452 patients with 70,674 visits.

The center provides a wide range of medical, mental health, dental and pharmacy services to patients via its clinics at 650 Newtown Pike and the Men's Hope Center. There are also school-based clinics at Arlington, Harrison, Tates Creek and William Wells Brown elementary schools.

The Primary Care Center is funded through a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration, local taxes and patient billings. It is open to all populations and provides services on a sliding-scale fee, when applicable, that adjusts the cost of visits based on household size and income according to federal poverty guidelines. Medicaid, Medicare and most private insurances are accepted.

For more information on any of the Primary Care Center's services, please call 288-2425.

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