

Did you know that the North Valley School-Based Clinic is open at the Columbia Falls High School?

Last fall, medical providers from the North Valley Professional Center and North Valley Behavioral Health teamed up with the Columbia Falls School District and School Nurse to open a health clinic conveniently located in the high school to help improve student health and wellness, and reduce time lost from school.

Available Services Include:

- **Preventative care:** Wellness checks, sports physicals, immunizations
- **Acute Healthcare:** Diagnosis and treatment, referrals and follow-up visits as needed
- **Chronic Healthcare:** Monitoring and treatment of medical needs based on condition
- **Health Education for Students and Parents**
- **Behavior Health Services:** Behavioral health assessment, treatment and medication management in conjunction with North Valley Behavioral Health and Tele-Behavioral Health

Tele-behavioral health is made possible through a grant awarded by the Montana Healthcare Foundation.

Clinic Providers:

- Brittany Coburn, NP-C (Family Nurse Practitioner)
- Dan Masar, NP-C (Family Nurse Practitioner)
- Kyle Stansbury, LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker)
- Lisa Crane, RN
- Liliya McGuinness, RN
- Cathy Dragonfly, RN - School Nurse



Clinic Hours:

- General Healthcare: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-4:00 PM
- Behavioral Health: Initial visit at North Valley Professional Center with follow-up visits available in the school by appointment on Tuesdays

Clinic Location: Located directly inside Nurse Dragonfly's School Nurse Office in Columbia Falls High School

For Information on Enrolling Your Child or Scheduling an Appointment:

- Cathy Dragonfly, RN 406-892-6510
- North Valley Professional Center 406-892-3208

For more information, see other side or check out the School-Based Clinic web page at

www.cfhighschool.org/school_health_clinic or www.nvhosp.org/our-clinics/north-valley-school-based-clinic/

What is the School-Based Health Clinic?

The School-Based Health Clinic is a health center based in the school that provides students and staff with medical, wellness, and health education services. School-based health centers work to improve the health of students, increase access to healthcare and decrease time lost from school by providing healthcare in the school. Services provided include acute care for illness or injury, physical exams and sports physicals, health education, follow-up for chronic illnesses and behavioral health services.

Is there a cost?

The School-Based Health Clinic will bill private insurance, Medicare, Healthy Montana Kids and Healthy Montana Kids Plus for eligible students. Parents/Guardians will be responsible for co-payments and deductibles for medical services. We are happy to assist in enrolling your child in the appropriate programs. You may apply through North Valley Professional Center for a sliding fee to help cover costs. If you have any questions about billing or the sliding fee program, please contact North Valley Professional Center at (406) 892-3208. Insurance changes must be forwarded to North Valley Professional Center as soon as possible to avoid any billing problems.

Will signing up for School-Based Health Clinic services mean that you can't use your family doctor? If we have a family doctor, will we need the School-Based Health Clinic services?

If you have a family doctor, you may still use the School-Based Health Clinic. You may find it convenient for your child to get medical care if they get sick or injured at school. Or you may want your child to be able to use the health education services offered through the School-Based Health Clinic. When we complete a physical exam or provide other services for your child, we will send the results to your family doctor upon your consent. This service is not meant to replace your family doctor, it is meant to complement the services your family doctor provides and to help students who do not have a family doctor. However, if you have Healthy Montana Kids Plus or private insurance with an assigned provider we may only be able to see your child once unless you change your primary care provider with your HMO to North Valley Professional Center.

Can I select which services my child can use at the School-Based Health Clinic?

Yes. The School-Based Health Clinic services are listed on the consent form and there is space for you to write in which services you do not want your child to receive. The School-Based Health Clinic staff will check your consent form before they see your child and will know which restrictions you have placed on your consent. All services will be provided in accordance with Montana state law. Parents are always encouraged to contact the School-Based Health Clinic staff with questions or concerns and are welcome to accompany children to their visit.

Will my child's medical information be kept confidential?

Your child's medical information will be treated with strict confidentiality in accordance with HIPAA and FERPA regulations. Please note that your school nurse will be assisting the providers who staff the School-Based Health Clinic. Information obtained during a School-Based Health Clinic visit will be kept in the patient's medical record and is not accessible to school personnel. If you would like the School-Based Health Clinic to discuss your child's condition with school personnel, please contact us. It is your responsibility to notify the school of any medications, allergies, restrictions or medical problems that may affect your child during school.

Who do I call for more information or to change insurance information?

Please call North Valley Professional Center at (406) 892-3208 with insurance changes, questions, suggestions or concerns, or to obtain information on applying for sliding fee, Healthy Montana Kids or Healthy Montana Kids Plus.