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## National Health Center Week

August 13 - 19, 2017

### Celebrating America's Health Centers: The Key to Healthier Communities

The community health center movement is one of the bright spots in the nation's health care delivery system. Help celebrate these centers during National Health Center Week.

During Aug. 13-19, community health centers nationwide will focus on raising awareness about community health needs and the importance of community health centers. Join us for an event at one of HopeHealth's locations, including:

**Manning Meet & Greet Cookout** – 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Aug. 15. A community cookout with hot dogs and burgers.

**Advocacy Wednesday** – 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Aug. 16. Giveaways and information on advocating for community health centers. Participating sites include the Medical Plaza

in Florence, HopeHealth at Francis Marion University, HopeHealth Specialty Services on Palmetto Street, both HopeHealth Pediatrics and HopeHealth in Manning, and our Lake City, Kingstree, and Timmonsville locations.

**Back-to-School Bash** – 10 a.m.–noon, Aug. 19, at the Medical Plaza. Family fun with free gifts for the first 700 children.

Stop by an event to learn more about community health centers, our role in your community, and National Health Center Week.

### How to Become a CHC Advocate

National Health Center Week is your chance to speak out and become an advocate for your community health center and those we serve. Sign up to 'Be the Voice' for your center during our NHCW events, Aug. 13-19, or visit [www.hcadvocacy.org](http://www.hcadvocacy.org) and click on "Become an Advocate."

You can also show support on Facebook by adding our profile frame to your profile by visiting [facebook.com/profilepicframes](https://facebook.com/profilepicframes) and searching for "HopeHealth."



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### Get Your Child Vaccinated Today!

Immunization requirements for school entry sometimes vary from state to state, but generally follow the *Centers for Disease Control/Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices* guidelines.

In South Carolina, rising 7th graders are required to have received one dose of Tdap which provides protection from bacterial infections such as tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Always check with your pediatrician before having your child vaccinated as it may have already been given at an earlier well child visit.

Along with the Tdap vaccine, all 11- to 12-year-olds should also be vaccinated with a meningococcal conjugate vaccine. A booster dose is recommended at age 16. HPV vaccination is also recommended beginning at age 11, with a booster dose at 6-12 months to protect against HPV infections that can cause cancer. Teens and young adults (16 through 23 years) also may be vaccinated with a serogroup B meningococcal vaccine.

Schedule a well child visit today to ensure your child's vaccinations are up to date.



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