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HIV Services for Community Access

Vista Community Clinic (VCC) provides services for just about everything, including HIV counseling and testing, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), and HIV health care and support services. Set up to be a support system for all persons in the community, regardless of status, sexual orientation, or background, HIV testing and care is confidential. Services offered are supported by a team of VCC Program Managers, Program Coordinators, Health Educators and Case Managers that work with care clinicians to ensure cultural competency and inclusivity during all visits; a cornerstone the clinic stands proudly on.

Comprehensive case management is provided for HIV positive patients, and includes medical care coordination, referral coordination and insurance enrollment. Preventative services are also offered along with VCC's support services; HIV and STI education, rapid HIV and HCV testing, and group and individual level interventions to alcohol and drug treatment patients and community members. "CHATncsd," a branch of the clinic's outreach programs focuses on high-risk youth by creating a supportive environment via social media (@chatncsd) and text messaging; a medium that the age group is familiar and comfortable engaging with.

VCC also provides HIV counseling and rapid-testing during community outreach and special events. The clinic is also proud to be able to offer PrEP, a highly effective medication for preventing HIV if used as prescribed. An added benefit to becoming a patient with VCC while receiving HIV care is the easy coordination with other health services, including primary care and mental health counseling. Working together, the clinic provides a well-rounded approach to HIV care and prevention that benefits all segments of the community at a free or affordable cost. Anyone interested in learning more or to schedule an HIV testing appointment can Contact: (760) 631-5000 x 7000. For information about PrEP, Contact: (760) 631-5000 x 2000. For HIV care, Contact: (760) 631-5000 x7777.

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About Vista Community Clinic

With nine state-of-the-art locations in North San Diego, Orange and Riverside Counties, VCC provides affordable, high quality health care to more than 70,000 community residents. Services offered by VCC include primary care, pediatrics, prenatal and women's health, optometry, chiropractic care, dental health, podiatry, acupuncture and behavioral health services. VCC also offers a wide array of community health education programs which are free and open to all community residents. VCC is recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Level 3 (highest) Patient-Centered Medical Home, and is the recipient of the HRSA National Quality Leader Seal for exceeding national clinical quality benchmarks. For more information call 760.631.5000 or visit www.vcc.org.

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