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WAHIAWĀ HEALTH PARTNERS WITH KA'ALA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO OPEN A SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER FOR STUDENTS

WAHIAWĀ, Hawai'i – As part of Wahiawā Health's commitment to meeting the needs of the community, the federally qualified health center recently opened a school-based health center for students at Ka'ala Elementary School in Wahiawā. The health center is conveniently located at the Ka'ala Elementary campus, located at 130 California Avenue, and demonstrates the collaborative approach between school administration, parents, teachers, school counselors and the health room.

The Ka'ala Elementary health center is open for students on the following days:

- Wednesday - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Thursday - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Services include:

- Sick/Urgent/Acute Care Visit
- Same Day Visits
- Well Child Exams/Sports Physicals
- Immunizations
- Vision and Hearing Screenings
- Mental Health Counseling

To access services, parents or guardians can call 808-622-5556 to make an appointment, ask questions or request additional information.

"As a community health center, we are thrilled to open our first school-based health center at Ka'ala Elementary, a step we've been working towards for many months," said Bev Harbin, Wahiawā Health

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chief executive officer. "The collaboration with school administration and teachers, parents and the health room staff has paid off to make this much needed health care option for students a reality. For many years we have provided annual school physicals, sports physicals and vaccination clinics to students within the Leilehua/Mililani/Waialua School Complex Area, and this new school-based health center increases access to quality health care where it is needed."

Wahiawā Health also partners with school officials and Hawaii Keiki Nurses to provide school-based health programs on campus at Mililani High School and Waialua High and Intermediate School. Health care services include school and sports physicals and immunizations. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the CDC Community Preventive Task Force recommend school-based health centers as an evidence-based model that improves educational and health outcomes. For a list of schools in the Leilehua-Mililani-Waialua Complex Area, visit:

https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ConnectWithUs/Organization/Offices/Superintendent/DeputySuperintendents/Pages/Leilehua-Mililani-Waialua.aspx

About Wahiawā Health
Wahiawā Health is a federally qualified health center that provides affordable, high-quality and accessible health care to the people of Wahiawā, Waialua, Mililani, Schofield, Kunia and surrounding areas. Wahiawā Health is located at 302 California Avenue, Suite 106, and is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pediatrics is open on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. depending upon providers availability.

Wahiawā Health offers a Diabetes Specialty Center that provides comprehensive medication management, diabetes self-management education and support, hypertension education, and blood pressure cuff training sessions. In addition, its Geriatric Specialty Center is dedicated to optimizing aging for older adults by promoting health and quality of life through comprehensive and individualized care.

Wahiawā Health accepts most major insurance and provides a sliding-fee scale for uninsured patients. Staff members can assist patients with insurance enrollment.

For more information, and a full list of hours listed by services, visit: www.wahiawahealth.org or call (808) 622-1618,or email at info@wahiawahealth.org.

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