



# Press Release

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## Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic And Astria Toppenish Hospital Reach New Agreement

**Toppenish** – Effective March 6th, 2022, Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic OB providers will again deliver babies at Astria Toppenish Hospital. Under this new partnership, many challenges surrounding hospital coverage have been addressed.

"This is a happy and unexpected turn of events," said Christy Trotter, Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic Interim CEO. Brian Gibbons, Astria Health President and CEO, added, "we are pleased to be able to come together and envision better solutions for the community."

"After last year's separation, new conversations and opportunities came to light," Trotter stated. OB providers at Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic will now be joined by Astria OB providers and private OB providers to cover on-call services for the community. "We have created a strategy that benefits everyone," added Cathy Bambrick, Astria Toppenish Hospital Administrator.

Dr. Patricia Hernandez, a Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic practitioner in Toppenish for over 30 years, stated, "One of the greatest parts of my job is being able to deliver generations of babies, and I'm glad we can continue to provide OB care to all our families."

Trotter toured the hospital in late February. In a follow-up correspondence, she said, "we all look forward to a stronger hospital in our community." The renewed partnership will allow women who prefer to deliver in Toppenish to do so.

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**Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic** is one of the Pacific Northwest's largest community health centers, providing medical, dental, behavioral health and social services to more than 171,000 people a year. With more than 60 unique service locations across Oregon (Clatsop, Marion, Multnomah, Umatilla, and Yamhill counties) and Washington (Benton, Franklin, Spokane, Whitman, Walla Walla, and Yakima counties), we deliver affordable, comprehensive primary care for underserved populations in our communities. We also extend our network of care through our mobile health units and virtual visit technology, bringing essential care to our more remote patients. Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic employs over 1,600 staff in addition to our medical and dental residents, administrative fellows, students, and volunteers. All of whom are dedicated to bringing quality care to those in our communities who need it most. Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization recognized by HRSA, The Joint Commission, and The National Committee for Quality Assurance for our accomplishments in community health care. For more information, please visit [yvfwc.com/press](http://yvfwc.com/press)

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**Astria Health**, headquartered in the heart of the Yakima Valley is the largest non-profit healthcare system based in Eastern Washington state. Astria Health is the parent non-profit organization of Astria Sunnyside Hospital and Astria Toppenish Hospital along with outpatient Astria Health Centers, Ambulatory Surgical Center, Astria Hearing and Speech, and Astria Home Health and Hospice with healthcare sites and providers conveniently located in towns and cities throughout the region. For more information visit <http://www.astria.health/>

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