Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic

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Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic to Transition Obstetric Care, Expand Primary Care in the Willamette Valley

Transition responds to growing primary care needs in Salem and Woodburn

Salem and Woodburn, Ore. – In response to growing primary care demand, particularly among patients who are underinsured or uninsured, Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic (YVFWC) will transition obstetric care in Salem and Woodburn and expand primary care access in the Willamette Valley. This transition is expected to increase access to primary care for an additional 6,000 individuals.

"Many health care systems are reducing or eliminating primary care access for Oregon Health Plan recipients," said Christy Trotter, CEO. "By working with community partners that provide obstetric care, we can expand primary care for those patients. Increasing access within our system creates more access for the entire community."

Patients currently receiving obstetric care will receive detailed information and support before the transition takes effect in February 2027. Continuity of care is a priority, and YVFWC will work closely with patients to support a thoughtful transition of care.

YVFWC's mission begins with "Together we transform communities," recognizing that community wellness depends on organizations working together to meet local needs.

YVFWC is supporting family medicine providers who practice obstetrics as they explore opportunities within YVFWC or elsewhere. Support staff and other family practice provider positions will remain in place.

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