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CAVU Update

ADHD Clinic Up and Running

CAVU staff recently sat in on a session of the newly established **ADHD Clinic** that CAVU has funded at the **Greater Lawrence Family Health Center** of Lawrence, MA. The clinic is designed to use a holistic approach in assessing, treating, and caring for children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, particularly among the historically underserved Latino population. Parents and teachers of referred patients fill out behavioral assessment forms prior to the assessment, ensuring a more complete picture of potential causes of disruptive behavior.

CAVU's Program Opportunity Director sat in on the clinic's fourth session on April 19. Terry Moran, MD, and Giovanna Romero, PhD, provided insight into the operations of the clinic, including opportunities for CAVU to enhance the program's capabilities.

Offered once a week, the ADHD clinic provides an opportunity for physicians in Greater Lawrence to refer patients aged 6-12 for in-depth ADHD assessments. Additionally, the physicians themselves are given the opportunity to sit in on the clinic to increase their knowledge of the condition and ability to treat it.

[Click here to read more about our work at Greater Lawrence Family Health Center.](#)

CAVU Hosts Program Launch

On June 20th CAVU hosted a **Collaborating for Children's Health (CCH) Program Launch Event** to showcase the impact that the CCH program has had in its pilot phase, and to explore new opportunities for growth.

The CCH program is designed to enhance communications between the medical and educational communities and to increase access to a broad range of services provided by **Community Health Connections Family Health Center** of Fitchburg, MA. In its pilot phase the CCH program was put in place at North Central Charter Essential School of Fitchburg and Murdock Middle/High School of Winchendon, MA, and has enhanced the mental health services available at those schools.

Representatives from CAVU, the health center, and partner schools shared their thoughts on the program's impact and how to move forward, and Lorie Martiska of the **Joint Coalition on Health** presented on the program in the context of local healthcare initiatives. Fitchburg Mayor Dan H. Mylott, representatives of local schools and colleges, and local non-profit and healthcare leaders were in

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CAVU Spotlight

Katrina Yields Lessons for Health Centers

Joe Dawsey, Executive Director of [Coastal Family Health Center](#) of Biloxi, MS, was a featured speaker at the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers' Annual Community Health Institute in May. CAVU has worked closely with the health center since Hurricane Katrina to help restore services incapacitated by the storm. Most recently, CAVU staff assisted on writing a Block Grant to the state of Mississippi which yielded \$6.1 million for Coastal.

In his talk, Dawsey spoke about the difficulty of rebuilding after the significant damage to their facilities and records: "We didn't have anything to begin with [post-Katrina], so we started building it back and building it back and now it's almost nine months later and we're still working at it."

CAVU has worked successfully with the health center and NGO [Hands On USA](#) to provide assistance in coordination and recruitment of volunteers for Coastal since the Hurricane.

In addition, CAVU coordinated visits to Coastal by psychologists from Community Health Connections Family Health Center of Fitchburg, MA. These psychologists provided much needed therapy and stress management skills to the health center staff. In Dawsey's words, "the people from Massachusetts have really helped us."

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