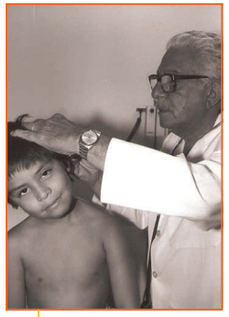
West Side
Community Health Services

Growing and Changing Through the Years

1969-1972: People's Health Center provides free, bilingual health care from St. Michael's Church and later from a location on Robert Street.



November 1972: WSCHS incorporates and opens health clinic at Neighborhood House. Total patient visits: 1,900.

1975: Ramsey County and the City of St. Paul begin providing financial support for La Clinica.

1978: WSCHS begins offering dental services.

1983: WSCHS moves the clinic to 153 Concord Street in St. Paul.

1984: WSCHS becomes one of the state's earliest recipients of federal community health center funding. The number of staff expands to over 40.

1987: Health Care for the Homeless and comprehensive perinatal programs become available.

1988: WSCHS launches HIV/AIDS prevention education program focused on the needs of the Twin Cities Latino community.

1992: House Calls program begins work on preventing homelessness among St. Paul families.

1993: WSCHS opens health care clinics at two public housing sites in St. Paul.

1996: WSCHS staff grows to 102 employees and patient visits climb to over 53,000.

1997: WSCHS celebrates 25th anniversary!

2000: WSCHS achieves accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations. Comprehensive HIV services for Latinos become available. The number of staff grows to 118 employees, and patient visits grow to nearly 61,000.

2001: A new expanded dental clinic opens on Robert Street in St. Paul.

2002: WSCHS celebrates 30th anniversary and anticipates expansion of the clinic at 153 Concord Street in St. Paul.

2003: Health Start joins WSCHS continuing 30 years of award-winning adolescent health services.

2004: WSCHS relocates to beautiful new expanded West Side clinic on Cesar Chavez Street.

2005: WSCHS acquires East Side Family Clinic expanding presence on Arcade Street in St. Paul. WSCHS staff grows to 250 employees and patients served reaches to over 35,000.

2007: WSCHS celebrates 35th anniversary!

1969 '75 '80 '85 '90 '95 2000 2005