

## *A Safety Net*

Mental health services are provided by a contracted psychiatrist and a team of advanced practice nurses and clinical counselors. Urgent care is provided by a part-time physician and nurse practitioners. Services are also provided by medical, nursing, counseling and social work students, under the supervision of licensed providers.

The Health Resource Center is funded by government and private grants and through the support of individuals and businesses. We depend on monthly contributions in order to continue serving clients who have no insurance and no safety net. Those served by the center are indeed clients who fall between the cracks of the formal health care structures in our city.

Mary Elizabeth Earle,  
MSN, RN, CNS  
Executive Director



## *Health Resource Center*

A safety net health clinic specializing in mental health and urgent care for the homeless and indigent of Greater Cincinnati.

### *Our Guiding Values*

- Respect for each individual physically, mentally, and spiritually
- Access to quality, comprehensive care regardless of ability to pay
- Affordable access to prescription medications
- Education of the client and the community
- Advocacy for persons with mental illness and decrease of stigmatization of the mentally ill
- Value for the inherent uniqueness of each person in the healing process

### *Hours*

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm, 12:30 - 3:00 pm

Friday  
medication pickup & by appointment only

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# Health Resource Center



*Caring  
for Individuals  
who Fall through  
the Gaps*

***Our mission is to serve homeless and at risk individuals who are in need of medical, psychiatric or social services and whose needs are not being met by other agencies.***

# H R C

Health Resource Center of Cincinnati, Inc.

112 E. Liberty Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202  
(513) 357-4602

Located inside the FreeStore/FoodBank

## Our History

In 1995, Connie Wilson RN, PhD, and other providers became acutely aware of the health care crisis facing the poorest of Greater Cincinnati, the University Hospital, and the city as a whole. Homeless clients, not under the safety net of Medicaid, had limited access to care and were often forced to seek treatment in the emergency room. Dr. Wilson and her partners sought to establish a clinic that could provide immediate services and case management in the neighborhood where many of these clients lived.

The Freestore/Foodbank agreed to provide space for this innovative mission later that year. The arrangement became a win-win situation as many clients utilized the services of both agencies. Nurses in Advanced Practice (NIAP), a faculty practice plan of the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing, provided the administrative arm and non-profit status. In December, 2000, the Health Resource Center became independent of NIAP status, establishing a 501(c) 3 standing, a board of trustees and a governance structure.

Dr. Wilson retired from the Clinic in 2007, but remains on as president of the corporation. Mary Elizabeth Earle, MSN, RN, CNS, formerly director of community services, stepped up as executive director, beginning the next phase of organizational development for the HRC.

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We offer services through four programs.

- **Mental Health & Substance Abuse Treatment**

Diagnostic assessments, counseling, addiction services, psychiatric services for medication management and referral for case management services

- **Urgent Medical Services for the Homeless**

Treatment for colds, flu and other minor illnesses as well as minor cuts and wounds; management of diabetes and other chronic illnesses; TB, HIV, and pregnancy testing

- **Primary Care for Mental Health Clients**

Services designed to meet the specific physical health needs of mental health clients

- **Student Training**

Multidisciplinary training for medical, nursing, counseling, and social work students, as well as medical residency opportunities



## How to Help

The Health Resource Center is in need of volunteers to help with publicity, mailings, administrative support, and special events. We welcome you to become part of our team, take a tour, get more information, or pursue specific ways to support the ongoing work of the Health Resource Center.

## How to Donate

Including in-kind donations, the annual budget of HRC is approximately \$800,000 a year. The clinic must raise \$350,000 in private dollars annually in order to meet our operational needs. We wouldn't be open without the support of generous donors and private foundations. If you are interested in supporting our work, please mail donations to 112 E. Liberty St., 45202, or make an online donation at [www.hrcci.org](http://www.hrcci.org).

*92% of HRC clients have no insurance*

*98% of HRC clients are below the federal poverty level*

*70% of HRC clients do not have stable housing*

Source: HMIS Vesta clinic data base

