

New Clinic provides Access to Family Healthcare for Madison-Grant *For Immediate Release*

Fairmount, IN (June 21, 2021) – Madison-Grant United School Corporation and Aspire Indiana Health are working together to bring easily accessible and affordable family healthcare services to the Madison-Grant community. The school board voted tonight to approve the partnership with Aspire Indiana Health to establish Aspire's Madison-Grant Primary Care Clinic to be located on the Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School campus in the former administration building.

Aspire Indiana Health is a Federally Qualified Health Center that accepts Medicaid and Medicare, which is a part of programming meant to help those in areas with limited access to care. This is Aspire Indiana Health's first partnership with a rural school corporation to help provide healthcare in an area with need for access.

Madison-Grant Superintendent Dr. Deetz is excited about the access the partnership brings to the Madison-Grant community, "Aspire's Madison-Grant Primary Care Clinic provides a resource to many of our hardworking families. It is true sign our school and community are working together for the benefit and support of our students. We want our families to have access and this combined focus really promotes a healthier community. When our students and families have access to healthcare it creates an even better place to live and learn."

Aspire's Madison-Grant Primary Care Clinic will initially provide services on an appointment basis, with plans to move to walk-in availability according to Jerry Landers, Vice President of Strategy and Business Development for Aspire. Landers says of the clinic, "When we first start, it will look like any doctor's office. As we progress, we will see what other services would help support the community." Landers stresses the family healthcare clinic is a benefit for everyone in the area. "Aspire Indiana Health will also help connect those without healthcare to resources, as well as provide a sliding scale for payment of services for those who lack insurance. Payment, or the ability to pay for services is not a criteria to be seen for treatment."

Landers says access to healthcare for preventative appointments and not just sick visits is another benefit of regular access to services, "At Aspire Indiana Health, we like to be proactive about health. It is so important for people to see doctors on a regular basis to catch any issue before it becomes a real problem. Our aim is to find out what your health goals are and help you achieve them. Our clinic is like any family practice, you can come for cough & colds, and we also provide referrals to specialists and non-medical resources."

The opening of the clinic at Madison-Grant also brings additional job opportunities to the area. Job openings can be found at [AspireIndiana.org/careers](https://aspireindiana.org/careers). Aspire Indiana Health plans to open the family health services clinic this fall to support the needs of students and families. Stay tuned for more details at [AspireIndiana.org/press](https://aspireindiana.org/press) and www.mgusc.k12.in.us/news .

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