

Women's Health

In 2018, First Choice Clinic for Women closed its doors, leaving Rock County with no accessible, comprehensive women's health clinic for the uninsured and underinsured. HealthNet of Rock County plans to restart a comprehensive women's health clinic for low-income women. This will help provide STD testing for men and women in Rock County.



Why it matters in Rock County?

- Rock County has 24 teen births per 1,000 young females. On average, counties in Wisconsin have 15 teen births per 1,000 young females.
- 43 % of eligible women in Rock County recently had a mammogram. This is below the national rate (51%) and Wisconsin's average rate (49%).
- Infant mortality and low birthweight of children are much higher in Rock County than in other counties in the State of Wisconsin. Lack of comprehensive reproductive health services has been cited as a factor.

Since 2001, HealthNet of Rock County has operated a monthly women's health clinic. We have helped hundreds of women with contraception, becoming pregnant, menstrual regulation, pap smears, and coordinating care for uterine or gynecologic cancers. Due to the demand, HealthNet of Rock County has added another day of services with another OB-GYN since 2020.

However, Rock County still lacks a clinic that can provide comprehensive reproductive health services to thousands of women at a low-cost. There is no low cost location that can provide vital HIV, STI or pregnancy testing that are vital for healthy communities. HealthNet of Rock County plans to change that by separating our new medical clinic into two sections and allow a paid nurse practitioner to provide continual gynecological services to low-income women.

In this new setting, HealthNet of Rock County can provide next day appointments to women and their partners. We can provide screening for gynecological and breast cancers, menstrual or menopause management, and treatments for sexual health issues or urinary tract infections at a low-cost with fewer barriers.