



# MIGRANT HEALTH

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## newsline

## Health Centers Celebrate 1991 Growth, Change

**C**ongratulations to **Sequoia Community Health Foundation** in Fresno, California on the dedication of its new women's health care center in September 1991. The center will provide services such as obstetrics/gynecology care, lab services, and sonography. The expansion into comprehensive perinatal services is part of Sequoia's new family practice residency affiliation program which started on July 1 with two first-year Hispanic family practice residents. The program also includes the Selma Pathway, a rural family practice residency program, which has two first-year, two second-year, and two third-year residents. Ventura Huerta, BSN, MPH, Sequoia's Executive Director, noted, "To my knowledge we are the first in the nation to have this rural community health center focus, and one of the largest residencies in the country." The residency program emphasizes the training of residents to work with an under-served, largely Hispanic population in a community health setting. Mr. Huerta was also honored in August by his appointment to the Commission on Health Care Policy and Financing for the State of California.

**Merced Family Health Center** in Merced, California celebrated the opening of a new women's health center and a WIC services center in 1991. The women's health center is designed to integrate quality medical care with preventive health education, expanding Merced's prenatal, family planning, and other women's health services to an additional

500 low income, culturally diverse women annually. Merced's WIC program has grown from 3,800 to over 7,300 clients in the past two years. The new WIC center will help to serve the additional needs of families in the area for food and preventive nutrition education.

Improved quality of care, easier access, and greater visibility are the goals of the capital improvement plan of **Health Resource Alliance of Pasco, Inc.** in Dade City, Florida. The twelve-year-old community/migrant health project was formerly known as East Pasco Health Center. **Family Health Centers of Southwest Florida** is the new corporate name for the former Southwest Florida Health Centers in Fort Myers, Florida, headed by CEO Lalai Hamric.

**Florida Rural Health Services, Inc.** opened a new clinic in Avon Park, Florida in February 1991. Avon Park marks the corporation's fourth clinic site (other sites are Frostproof, Wauchula, and Sebring). The new clinic is only one mile south of Walker Memorial Hospital, so prenatal services offered in Frostproof and Wauchula have been consolidated in the new site. Obstetrics, gynecology, and internal medicine will be provided at the Avon Park clinic. ❖