

## **Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency**

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### **CHC Oriole Connect Now Open**

**Coldwater, MI.** The Oriole Connect is now open! As of September 3, 2014, the Tele-health Clinics that are already up and running at Coldwater Community Schools and Bronson Jr./Sr. High School now have a third partner at Quincy. CHC Oriole Connect is staffed by Lori Loveberry, RNC. She is a Quincy graduate and local community member. She has worked at the Community Health Center of Branch County for 29 years and is bringing her talents and passion for treating children back to her hometown. "I am so excited for this change of pace; it is a completely different line of work and the first week was not only challenging, but fun!" said Loveberry about her new position. Her clinic is located across from the Band room in room 112 at Quincy Middle School and is open to all students, grades 5-12. The three school clinics and the Registered Nurses who staff them are employees of the Community Health Center of Branch County.

: Now is the perfect opportunity to enroll your student at any of the three clinics. Clinic staff will be presenting to each of the grades about the services offered and are sending home consent packets with students. Once enrolled, students will have improved access to care including the following services

- Treatment of cuts/abrasions, rashes, pink eye, coughs/colds, strep throat, earaches and/or flu-like symptoms.
- MHSAA approved sports physicals
- Immunizations
- Tele-health services which link the student to one of five providers from the CHC Pediatric and Adolescent Center. Using state-of-the-art equipment, providers can listen to hearts and lung sounds and visually examine the student with the assistance of a nurse on-site at the school.
- Improved detection and management of chronic diseases like asthma and diabetes.

- Electronic medical records (EMRs) which allow your primary care physician to immediately see the exact outcome of the tele-health clinic visit.
- Immediate on-site access from school - allowing parents to stay at work while the child is receiving medical care.
- Prescription “e-scribe” to your local pharmacy that are ready and waiting when you get out of work.
- Improved school attendance. Your child will not have to leave the school to be provided medical care. The tele-health clinic will reduce the amount of time spent out of the classroom, resulting in better school outcomes. Healthier kids make better students.
- Fewer emergency visits, meaning greater cost savings and less out-of-pocket expenses. The clinic accepts all insurances. If you are uninsured, we can provide assistance in this area through our on-site insurance navigation program.

No child is turned away due to the inability to pay. Contact Rochelle Bassage, School Health Educator at 517-279-9561 ext. 0104# for more information about how to apply for free or low cost insurance. If you want more information about enrollment into the clinic, please contact:

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Jessica McKinley, RN, Viking Connect School Nurse (517) 279-5296, or  
Lori Loveberry, RNC, Oriole Connect School Nurse (517) 279-5297**

The CHC Cardinal, Viking, and Oriole Connect Clinics are helping to fill the health care gap for adolescents in Branch County. The tele-health project is a community collaborative project between the Community Health Center of Branch County, the community schools, and the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency who are working together to improve the health and wellbeing of Branch County residents.

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