

FREE CLINIC PHILOSOPHY

The Clinic was founded in 1969 by a group of activists in response to an overwhelming need for health care in the absence of state and federal programs and services. **Our founding principle is that health care is a right, not a privilege, and that the provision of health care should be motivated by compassion and not by profit.**

The Clinic is collectively managed, with no authoritarian structure. The majority of services are provided by trained volunteers, and all members of the Collective have an equal voice and vote in decisions.

OUR SERVICE PHILOSOPHY

We believe that our services should be a partnership between the client and the provider. We also believe strongly that we should always strive to empower people to become a force in their health and well-being.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Almost all services at the Berkeley Free Clinic are provided by volunteers who have been trained at the Clinic or by volunteer professionals. **If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, come to an open house Clinic orientation on the third Monday of each month at 7:30pm.**

No previous medical experience is necessary to become a member of the Clinic. Requirements do include a commitment to the struggle for free, accessible health care and health education, to community empowerment and unification, and to eliminating racism, sexism, classism and homophobia. In most cases, volunteers are asked to make a minimum one-year time commitment following training.

GETTING HERE:

**We are located at:
2339 Durant Avenue
(Between Dana and Ellsworth)
Berkeley, CA 94704**

Three blocks south and three blocks east of the Downtown Berkeley BART station. Accessible via the AC Transit 40 and 51 bus lines.

Wheelchair accessible

**510.548.2570
1-800-6-CLINIC (800.625.4642)**

WHAT YOU CAN DO!

DONATE!

We survive and thrive on your generous donations.

Please give what you can!

Please send tax-deductible donations to:

2339 Durant Avenue
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VOLUNTEER!

The Clinic *could not exist* without the work of our volunteers. Please consider working with us.

ACTIVATE!

Help us by becoming involved in the struggles for free and accessible health care for all people.

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**Providing Free Health Care
Since 1969**



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***Acute Primary Medical Care
Dental Care
Hepatitis Testing and Vaccination
HIV Testing
Information and Referrals
Men's STD Screening
Peer Counseling
STD Testing and Treatment***

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INFORMATION RESOURCE SERVICES

510.548.2570 or 1.800.6.CLINIC

During the following hours, information regarding Berkeley Free Clinic services and other community resources can be obtained by phone.

M-F 3:00 – 9:00pm
Saturday 8:00am – 5:00pm
6:00 – 9:00pm
Sunday 4:00 – 7:00pm

Information and Referral drop-in hours:

M-F 5:30-8:45pm

In addition, information resources are available for a wide range of concerns including: general and mental health, HIV and AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, shelter, substance abuse, counseling, legal issues, and other referral agencies.

DENTAL CLINIC

We provide examinations, fillings and simple extractions. We do not provide cleanings or other services to first-time clients.

Hours vary and spaces are limited. Call to inquire a week before you want to come in. If you cannot be seen, referrals are available for other low-cost alternatives.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Trained lay health care workers provide our Medical Services.

Call for same-evening appointments:

M, W, Th, F 5:45 pm

Homeless folks may come in or call in for an appointment at 5:30pm.

Same-evening appointments start at 7:00pm or 8:30pm and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Some treatments we provide include:

Colds, coughs and ear infections, symptomatic sexually transmitted disease treatment for men and women, screening for gonorrhea and chlamydia, skin problems, urinary tract infections, minor wounds, burns, foot fungus care, testing for TB and pregnancy. We **do not** provide care for chronic conditions. Please ask the Information and Referral people for referrals.

PEER COUNSELING

Drop-in, one-on-one counseling:
M-Th 6:45-9pm and by appt.

Limited couples counseling and long-term counseling is available through drop-ins. Some group work.

TB TESTING SERVICES

For same-day appointment (first-come, first-served) call at:

M-F 5:45pm
Saturday 1:00 – 2:30pm
Sunday 4:00 – 5:00pm

HIV ANONYMOUS ANTIBODY TESTING

Anonymous HIV testing and counseling is open to anyone over the age of 12. Test results are available in 1 week.

Saturday Drop-in: Noon – 2:00pm
Testing and results for women only.

Sunday Drop-in: 4:00 – 7:00pm
Testing and results for men and women.

Test Results Only Drop-in:

Saturday 4:00 – 5:00pm

For both men and women.

HEPATITIS SERVICES

Individual counseling and testing for people at high-risk for viral hepatitis A, B, and C including PCR testing for hepatitis C positive people. Vaccinations for hepatitis A and B are available.

Call for a same-day appointment:

Saturday 1:00 – 2:30pm

MEN'S SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC

By the Gay Men's Health Collective

Sunday Drop-in: 4:00 – 7:00pm

Comprehensive men's STD service including screening for gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, herpes, genital warts, and others.