October 10th, 2016 is World Mental Health Day

The World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) and the World Health Organization (WHO) have joined together in sponsoring World Mental Health Day. This year the focus is on Preserving Dignity in Crisis Response. Crisis events include exposure to trauma and sudden loss. A crisis event has a broad definition including motor vehicle accidents, domestic violence, and sexual assault, violence occurring during the commission of a crime, terrorist attacks and natural disasters. First responders, medical providers, healthcare workers and law enforcement personnel are exposed to crisis events on a daily basis. The repeated exposure to crisis events often takes a toll on the individual. WFMH and WHO are committed to recognizing the stressors these individuals and raising awareness to their cause. Please join with Las Clinicas del Norte in recognizing these individuals.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines mental health as a "state of well-being in which the individual realizes his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully and is able to make a contribution to his or her community".

Mental Illness is defined as "collectively all diagnosable mental disorders": or "health conditions that are characterized by alterations in thinking, mood, or behavior (or some combination thereof) associated with distress and/or impaired functioning". Depression is the most common type of mental illness, affecting more than 26% of the U.S. adult population.

In 2014 The New Mexico Department of Health released statistics on the prevalence of mental distress by race/ethnicity in New Mexico. Patients are asked to respond to the following quality of life question, "Now thinking about your mental health, which includes stress, depression and problems with emotions, for how many days during the past 30 days was your mental health not good?" The diagnosis of Frequent Mental Distress is made when the individual reports 14 or more days of poor mental health in the past 30 days.

2014 — % OF ADULTS WITH FREQUENT MENTAL DISTRESS BY RACE/ETHNICITY
18 % - White
19 % - American Indian/Alaska Native
20 % - Hispanic
21 % - Asian Pacific Islander
22 % - Black African American

Evidence has shown that mental disorders, especially depressive disorders are strongly related to the occurrence, successful treatment, and the course of many chronic diseases and crisis events.

Anxiety is a disorder that includes, panic disorder, generalized anxiety disorder, post-traumatic stress, phobias, and separation anxiety disorder. The estimated lifetime prevalence of any anxiety disorder is over 15%, while the 12 month prevalence is more than 10%. Anxiety is more common in woman than men.

Bipolar Disorder is more common in women than men and the medium age of onset is 25 years, with men having an earlier age of onset. Bipolar has been determined to be the most expense of the mental illnesses due to the indirect costs associated with the individual's loss of productivity.

Schizophrenia is more common among men and the first episode is typically around age 21 years of age. Statistics have shown individuals with schizophrenia pose a high risk for suicide. Approximately one-third of individuals diagnosed with Schizophrenia will attempt suicide and 1 out of 10 will succeed.

At Las Clinicas del Norte our Counseling and Community Services (CCS) personnel see a variety of patients for mental health and substance abuse issues. The CCS staff is available to help when a patient or their loved one is unable to cope. Services are available at all of our clinics, call today for an appointment.

References: World Federation for Mental Health website: www.wfmh.org; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website: www.cdc.gov; New Mexico Department of Health website: www.nmhealth.org
FRIENDLY REMINDER / RECUPERERDO
PLEASE CALL THE CLINIC FOR YOUR MEDICATION REFILL REQUESTS ONE WEEK BEFORE YOU RUN OUT TO ALLOW OUR PROVIDERS TIME TO APPROVE YOUR REQUEST. THANK YOU
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PREPARING FOR THE FLU SEASON
Getting an annual flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu. Vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, clinic visits, missed work or school due to flu, and prevent flu-related hospitalizations. The more people who get vaccinated, the more population will be protected, including older adults, very young children, pregnant women and people with health conditions who are more vulnerable to flu complications.

What’s new this flu season:
- Only injection flu shots are recommended for use this season. (The nasal spray vaccine is not recommended this season).
- Flu vaccines have been updated to match circulating viruses.
- Recommendation for vaccination of people with egg-allergies have been changed.

Contact Las Clinicas del Norte to clarify when the new 2016-17 flu vaccines have arrived.

SAVE THIS DATE
Join Teens, Family, and Your Friends and Neighbors!
Saturday, November 5, 2016
Northern Youth Project’s
HARVEST DINNER
An Annual Benefit Supporting the Dreams of Northern New Mexico Teens
Celebrate the bounty with a delicious four-course meal prepared by NYP teens with produce from our Heritage Garden and local farms.
Silent Auction of work by talented local artists!
Doors open at 5:30 PM / Dinner 6 PM
Rio Arriba Rural Events Center (Main Room)
Highway 554, Abiquiu
For tickets and information contact Lupita Salazar, 213-718-2806 or northernyouthproject@gmail.com

FALL 2016 STUDIO TOURS

El Rito Studio Tour
October 1-2
El Rito Artists are opening their studios between 10 am to 5 pm.
Follow the signs through town.

Abiquiu Studio Tour
8th-9th-10th
Saturday, Sunday, Monday
Artists are opening their studios between 10 am to 5 pm.
Follow the signs through town.
Death By Chocolate & the El Rito Quilters’ Guild Show & Sale
Please join us for an extravaganza of chocolate choices at our annual fundraising event at the library during El Rito’s Studio Tour, October 1st and 2nd, 10-5 pm. We also still need chocolate donations for both Saturday and Sunday. Be creative! Last year’s highlights included mouth watering chocolate truffles and chocolate pifon tarts. We’ve also had requests for more low sugar and sugar free (almost) choices. Support your friendly local library, buy a stunning quilt, and indulge your taste buds at Stop # 1 on the Tour!

New Youth Classes at the El Rito Library
The library is pleased to announce two new programs for local youth beginning in October:
Curiosity Kids for grades 3-6 begins Friday, October 7th, 10 am – noon. This class will build on our existing toddler science/literacy program but will focus on natural history for older youth. We’ll learn about rocks, minerals, living and fossil animals and plants. We’ll begin transforming our re-purposed library card catalog into a "Cabinet of Curiosities". Classes will be held at the library on Fridays when there is no school. Local field trips are planned for two Saturday mornings this fall. Classes are free and will be taught by local educators and naturalists.
A second effort, College Application Classes, are designed especially for high school juniors and seniors and their parents. These sessions begin on Thursday evening October 20, 6-7 pm. We’ll help make the process of applying to college and for financial aid less daunting. Recruiters and educators from New Mexico and other universities will come to the library to help our local students set goals, find resources, and meet deadlines. Both individual and classroom help will be offered. Stay tuned to our website for more information. www.elritolibrary.org.

STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Math) Pre-Literacy Classes
Children 2-5 years old once again can engage with some learning activities at the library this fall. Educator Mary Shoemaker is once again inspiring our youngest patrons to see the world through a scientist's eyes with simple demonstrations and experiments, reading and music time, and of course snacks. Our funding for this third year of STEM at the library comes primarily from the generous help of United Way of Northern New Mexico and the efforts of the New Mexico State Library. Classes meet every Wednesday at 10:30 until noon. Caregivers should plan to join the fun.

New Northern New Mexico education collaborative project
The El Rito library is excited to announce that it soon will be one of many sites for a new major effort funded by the National Science Foundation and by regional institutions and educators to raise aspirations for high school students who might be interested in aspects of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. Trained tutors and our staff eventually will be available at the library to work with and mentor El Rito youth for local projects.

Pumpkin Painting Party and Pot Luck Dinner
Don your costumes, stir up some edibles, and bring the kids to enjoy a Halloween evening of games and decorating pumpkins. Mark the date: Friday October 28 from 5-7 pm.
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