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AccessHealth Offers Quality Health Care to Residents



Access to comprehensive, quality health care services is important for the achievement of health equity and for increasing the quality of a healthy life for everyone. Over the past 36 years, AccessHealth, formerly Fort Bend Family Health Center has expanded services and sites based on needs of the target population. AccessHealth is a private, not-for-profit organization focusing on providing primary health care services for the low-income population of Fort Bend and Waller counties, but opens its doors to all who wish to receive care without regard to income or circumstance.

AccessHealth became a federal grantee under the community health center program (FQHC) on June 1, 2002. Behavioral health services are provided

Young Fort Bend County Resident Helps Create App to Fight Human Trafficking



From Left to Right: U.S. Congressman Pete Olson; Mikey Martell and Laquitta DeMerchant

Like many of today's youth, Sartartia Middle School student Mikey Martell began using technology at an age that would have been considered surprisingly young just a generation ago. The New Territory 13-year-old furthered his age group's reputation for technological proficiency at the Essence Festival's #YesWeCode hack-a-thon in New Orleans, where he and two other teens created an award-winning app designed

by clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, and a psychiatrist providing consultation services and care oversight. A full-service dental clinic opened in AccessHealth's Stafford Center location in February 2005. An electronic health records system was implemented in Spring 2009, putting AccessHealth on the forefront of technology for medical practices and enabling the organization to be better prepared for health care reform. In July 2010, AccessHealth opened a new primary care clinic at the Fort Bend County Missouri City Annex located at **307 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas 77459**. Hours of operation for this facility are:

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday: 8am - 5pm

Wednesday: 9am - 6pm

Friday: 7am - 4pm

3rd Saturday of each month: 8am - 12noon

AccessHealth provides many services to the county:

- Primary Health Care for Adults & Children
- Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Dental Services
- Behavioral Health Services
- Chronic Illness Management
- Diabetes Management
- Pharmacy Services

Created an award-winning app designed to combat human trafficking.

Martell said he's used computers since the 1st or 2nd grade, but first began coding while working on a 5th grade science project.

Martell was a junior developer of the Sex Trafficking Operations Prevention (STOP) app, an idea pitched by a girl who had travelled to the hack-a-thon via car all the way from New York to be in New Orleans over the July 4 weekend. He was also honored by U.S. Congressman Pete Olson at his Human Trafficking Summit held in Suagr Land last month.

The STOP app's primary feature is a button in the middle screen that, when pressed, immediately dials the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Polaris Project hotline.

Martell explained the app's two other main functions: "With the 'I am a Witness' button, you can fill out a form with your name, or you can remain anonymous. Then, you write what you saw and a description of the person doing the trafficking or a description of the person being trafficked. And you can take a picture, or upload a picture from your gallery. And the information tap is a button that lets you see information on sex trafficking and what it is."

Martell's mother Laquitta DeMerchant, herself the owner of a tech-startup, was a mentor on her son's team at #YesWeCode, an event launched by former White House Council on Environmental Quality advisor Van Jones and Qeyno Labs to nurture an interest in coding among "high potential, low opportunity" youth.

Source: Zach Haverkamp of Your Houston News

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- Immunizations
- Drug Assistance Plans

Commissioner Prestage encourages residents to utilize the services offered by AccessHealth. Also, if you know of someone or a family who could benefit from these services, please encourage them to get in contact with AccessHealth.

For more information on AccessHealth, or to set up an appointment, call [281.969.1835](tel:281.969.1835). You can also find AccessHealth on the web at myaccesshealth.org.

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