

HealthReach Community Health Centers



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HealthReach Welcomes Kaitlynn “K.J.” Johnson, Connector

WATERVILLE – This February, staff at three practices of HealthReach Community Health Centers welcome K.J. Johnson, Connector. She joins Mt. Abram Regional Health Center (in Kingfield), Rangeley Family Medicine, and the Strong Area Health Center. K.J. looks forward to helping patients access important services, such as affordable healthcare, health insurance, and other social and support services.

K.J. obtained her bachelor’s degree in *Integrated Studies with a focus on Communication and Philosophy* from Alverno College, Wisconsin. She is currently working towards her master’s degree in *Peace and Reconciliation* at the University of Maine in Orono. In 2020, K.J. served in the AmeriCorps VISTA program at Greater Portland Health, where she conducted quality insurance and outreach programming. She has previous experience in both inclusive care and nicotine recovery support.



Kaitlynn “KJ” Johnson

K.J. joins HealthReach’s four other Connectors – Tina DeRaps, LSW; Chenoa Jackson, LSW; Melissa Martin; and Courtney Koczera. Connectors provide free and valuable services to help with the high cost of healthcare. Connectors are here to help patients navigate a variety of resources, including MaineCare (Medicaid), Hospital Free Care, Supplemental Nutritional Aid Program (SNAP, or “food stamps”), reduced-cost prescription medications through the Patient Assistance Program, and our very own HealthReach Affordable Care program (“Sliding Fee”). HealthReach Connectors can also connect you to other helpful resources in your local community.

HealthReach Community Health Centers is a group of twelve Federally Qualified Health Centers located across Central and Western Maine. Dedicated clinicians deliver high quality medical and behavioral healthcare to citizens from 9 of Maine’s 16 counties. To ensure access for everyone, HealthReach accepts Medicare, MaineCare, and major insurance providers. In addition, an Affordable Care Program is available to both uninsured and underinsured residents. Assistance is available for applications to programs that help with the cost of your healthcare and medications, including the Health Insurance Marketplace.

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