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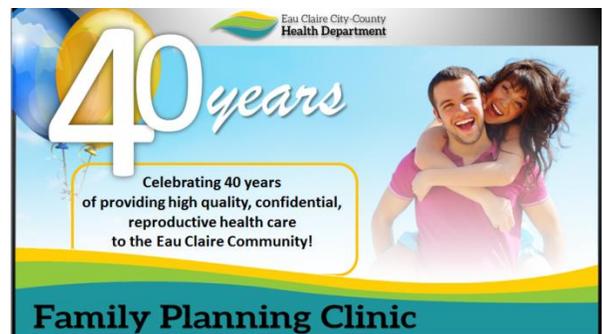
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**Family Planning Clinic is Celebrating 40 years!**

**Eau Claire, WI, January, 2017 – For 40 years, the Family Planning Clinic has been protecting and promoting the reproductive health of women and men in Eau Claire. The clinic began in 1977 and is on the ground floor of the Eau Claire County Courthouse. In 2016, the Family Planning Clinic served 675 women and 209 men.**

The clinic provides low cost services for males and females of all ages from any county. These services include:

- Birth control options
- Sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing and treatment
- Pregnancy testing



The clinic has added more birth control options over the years and now has implants and intrauterine devices (IUDs). The department also has other great services such as HIV testing and counseling.

In the past few years, Eau Claire County has seen more cases of STIs. There were 332 cases of Chlamydia and 16 cases of Gonorrhea reported in 2012. Last year those numbers increased to 484 cases of Chlamydia and 29 cases of Gonorrhea. The clinic is working to lower these numbers through the *Get Yourself Tested* campaign. This campaign provides education on STIs and encourages people to get tested.

The Family Planning Clinic continues to work to promote the decline in teen pregnancy rates in our county. In 2015, there were 39 births compared to 62 births in 2013. Only 3.3% of all births in Eau Claire County in 2015 were to teen mothers. This was better than the state rate of 4.6%.

“Our Family Planning Clinic ensures that community residents, both male and female, have access to high-quality reproductive health services. We want to thank the staff, the community, and Eau Claire leaders who support our efforts and look forward to the continued work we do together to create a healthier Eau Claire,” says Paulette Magur, Public Health Nursing Supervisor of the Eau Claire City-County Health Department.

**For more information about the services provided by the Eau Claire City-County Health Department Family Planning Clinic, please visit <http://www.ci.eau-claire.wi.us/departments/family-planning-clinic-2>.**

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