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Area Health Care Provider Recognized for Efforts to Vaccinate Children

Marshfield Clinic was named a “BigShot” by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Eau Claire City County Health Department

Eau Claire—The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Eau Claire City County Health Department are pleased to announce that Marshfield Clinic – Clairemont Center has just been named a “BigShot” for efforts to vaccinate children against diseases. The recognition is given to those health care organizations and providers who vaccinate 90% or more of their young patients, based on immunization data collected by DHS.

“We are pleased to recognize this organization/these organizations for their diligence in helping to keep our children healthy,” said State Health Officer Karen McKeown.

Eau Claire City County Health Department Public Health Nurse Patricia Reis commented, “Childhood vaccinations are critical to protect our children and everyone around them from diseases like measles, mumps, rubella, and pertussis among others.”

“This recognition means a lot,” said Emily Rude, DNP, FMP family medicine nurse practitioner at the Marshfield Clinic – Clairemont Center. “We believe good health starts early with vaccines to protect children from a host of diseases. It’s a responsibility all of us at Marshfield Clinic take very seriously.”

The BigShots are an annual award given to health care organizations that show excellence in protecting children against vaccine-preventable diseases through strong immunization practices and high immunization rates.

The public announcement of the 2018 BigShots Awardees coincides with National Infant Immunization week (NIIW), April 21-28, 2018. NIIW is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and to celebrate the achievements of immunization programs in promoting healthy communities throughout the United States.

For more information on immunizations and recommendations in Wisconsin, please go to www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization.