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A new health clinic in New Orleans East aims to serve communities impacted by the BP oil spill.

The \$2.3 million, 9,000 square foot New Orleans East Louisiana Community Health Center is located at 13085 Chef Menteur.

Project coordinator Julie Hoang said the clinic combines two existing pediatrics and general care clinics with the goal of serving a larger population of those in need. It offers primary care, OB/GYN, mental health and behavioral services and a nutritionist.

“A lot of people in this area work in shrimp and fishing industries and the spill put a lot of people out of jobs. We want to provide health care for those who don’t have the funds,” said Hoang.

She said the clinic is offering trilingual services with interpreters who speak Vietnamese and Spanish. The new clinic can serve about 8,000 patients.

Funding came from the five-year, \$105 million Gulf Region Health Outreach Program, a health outreach program aiming to reach people in 17 coastal counties across four states impacted by the 2010 oil spill. LSU’s Health Science Center is also participating in the program.

The clinic received \$1.25 million from BP health outreach program and an additional \$1.1 million in Community Block Development Grants.



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