

First-of-its-kind health center for homeless opens in Indianapolis

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INDIANAPOLIS - A facility that is the first of its kind in Indiana is now open and helping hundreds of homeless get back on their feet.

The new Eskenazi Health Pedigo at Horizon House health center opened Wednesday night in Indianapolis.

It's one of only a few centers in the entire country that offer mental health, primary care and day care for the homeless population - all free of charge.

"The Eskenazi Health Pedigo health center is the key to providing a holistic approach for our homeless neighbors," Horizon House board president Buddy Faulkner said. "From street outreach to medical and mental health services, Horizon House is able to provide the needed care to assist our neighbors and give them hope on their journey to gaining sustainability. We are grateful for the partnership with Eskenazi Health."

Officials said more than 3,000 people are expected to use the facility.

"People experiencing homelessness are far more likely than others to have both mental health and physical health problems. Integrating primary and behavioral health care, as Eskenazi Health is doing in its expanded Horizon House location, is crucial for resolving these complex situations," National Health Care for the Homeless Council executive director John Lozier said. "Congratulations to Eskenazi Health Pedigo, Horizon House and Marion County for implementing this best practice in the struggle to end homelessness."

[Horizon House \(http://www.horizonhouse.cc/contact-us.aspx\)](http://www.horizonhouse.cc/contact-us.aspx) is located at 1033 E. Washington St.

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