

Community Profile

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Region: Southwest Iowa

Community: Leon

County: Decatur

Community:

Population: Leon - 2100
Decatur - 9000
Nearest Metropolis: Des Moines 60 mi. pop. 425,000
Business: Agriculture, hospital, manufacturing
Recreation: 787 acre lake, outdoor recreation,
Schools: Public elementary/Jr/Sr. High

Practice:

Specialty: FP
Practice Name: Community Health Center of Southern Iowa
Address: 302 NE 14th Street
City: Leon
State: IA
Zip: 50140
Practice Type: Community Health Ctr
Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA): Primary Care - Facility - Community Health Center
Current Number of MD's/DO's: 3
OB Required: No
Call Coverage: Primary call 1 day per week
Accept Indigent: Yes
Accept Medicare/Medicaid Assignment: Yes
Admitting Hospital: Decatur County Hospital

Practice Comments:

Community Health Centers of Southern Iowa currently has an opening for a full time Family Physician without ob. Applicants must be board certified or board eligible, possess a medical license by the State of Iowa, and have an active DEA license.

There are currently 3 physicians and 2 Nurse Practitioners on staff. Providers follow their admitted patients at Decatur County Hospital, a 25-bed critical access hospital. ER call coverage is shared with physicians and nurse practitioners, resulting in primary call coverage of 1 day per week. Physicians will rotate secondary call; however the hospital employs an ER physician over the weekends.

Excellent benefits and competitive salary. Salary range is \$145,000 to 155,000. Benefits include: health insurance, cafeteria benefit program, life insurance, malpractice insurance, sick leave and 3 weeks vacation, 401K savings plan, and CME allowance.

The Community Health Center of Southern Iowa is a not-for-profit organization that received Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that opened its doors April 1, 2005 with a federal grant. CHCSI has two medical sites - one in Leon and another in Lamoni.

Medical services offered by the CHCSI include: Primary Care, Women's Services, Preventive Diagnostic and Treatment for Infants and Children, Laboratory and Radiology Procedures, Immunizations and Well-child exams, Clinical Screenings, Patient case management, Low Cost Prescription Drug Program, and a Diabetes Collaborative. In addition to these services, as a Federally Qualified Health Center, patients of CHCSI have the advantage of a low cost drug program through government purchasing and in partnership with local pharmacies that will greatly reduce the cost of drugs.

The Community Health Centers of Southern Iowa pledges to operate a system of care that contributes to the desired outcomes of availability, accessibility, quality, comprehensiveness, and coordination of basic primary care services with other levels of care, and support services appropriate to our patients' needs. Community Health Centers of Southern Iowa will do everything possible to make sure services are available and accessible. The centers will continue to have qualified providers and a clinical management system to ensure quality and continuity of care. CHCSI focuses not only on improving the health of individual patients, but on improving the health status of the entire community. Needs assessment, program development, and evaluation are all framed in terms of both community health and patient health needs.

Besides primary care services, the Community Health Centers of Southern Iowa offers behavioral care. and has been authorized to provide tele-psychology. CHCSI has three psychiatrists and several therapists and has expanded into substance abuse therapy.

Decatur County Hospital has a variety of services and resources including: acute care, inpatient and outpatient surgery, SNF, ER with 24 hour staffing, hospital based paramedic ambulance, radiology (including x-ray, ultrasound, CT, dedicated mammography, MRI), full rehab (including PT, OT, SLP), labatory, respiratory therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, pharmacy, orthopedics, urology, oncology/hematology, ENT, cardiology, ophthalmology, gastroenterology, and general surgery.

For more information please refer to job number, 0509.SICHC.01.

Community Comments:

Decatur County is located in the heart of the south central Iowa. Interstate 35 and Hwy. 2 bisect the county while the Grand River meanders gracefully through our countryside. Decatur County was organized in 1850-named after Steven Decatur who was a navel hero from the war of 1812. Leon, Iowa was selected as the county seat and the original courthouse was built in 1854. The area attracted a well-minded collection of settlers diversified by their ethnic backgrounds and religious beliefs.

Decatur County has three active school districts, which offer a wide range of classes and extra-curricular activities. Graceland University, a private 4-year liberal arts is also located in Decatur County. The friendly people, beautiful parks and quiet neighborhoods of Decatur County will make you feel right at home. Old fashioned charm and courtesy with the luxury of modern comfort and convenience add to the ambiance of the area.

Many visitors enjoy the fine selection of antiques, collectibles and quilts found throughout the county. In Decatur's countryside lie several county and state parks that make a perfect getaway for nature buffs. Also, there are several beautiful game preserves and well stocked lakes that are sure to please those who like to hunt and fish. Pack a picnic and go hiking and make camp under the stars. Decatur County has a number of beautiful

locations to choose from with both primitive and modern camping facilities, sandy beaches and nature trails. Take a drive and feast your eyes on the graceful architectures of our ancestors as several meticulously restored homes dot the landscape of Decatur County.

Decatur County retail and service businesses provide a well-balanced mix of services and products. Almost every need can be met in our shopping districts. The county is home to many farms of all sizes. Cow-calf, hogs, sheep, corn soybeans and hay operations make up our agriculture base.

Decatur County has an array of lodging facilities for the traveler. All of our communities hold celebrations and festivals throughout the year. Award winning rodeos, antique & quilt show, the 4th of July celebration all offers a wide range of activities.

Decatur County is home to more that 30 churches. Decatur County has five public libraries, two of which offer free Internet access to patrons.

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