Erie's History

Erie Family Health Center was founded in 1956 as a volunteer project of Erie Neighborhood House and physicians from Northwestern Memorial Hospital in order to serve the elderly residents of West Town. Over the years, with changes in the community and an increasingly younger population, Erie Family Health Center evolved into a full-service community health center. In 1976, Erie was formally incorporated and in 1983, Erie was designated a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) after receiving its first federal grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Primary Health Care.