

GOLDEN VALLEY
HEALTH CENTERS

Making a Difference since 1972

In September 1972, Golden Valley Health Centers (GVHC) began as a small Migrant Health Services program connected to Merced General Hospital. Founding CEO, Mike Sullivan led the way with a budget of less than $200,000, a small but mighty staff of six, and a part-time MD. Services were provided at Merced General Hospital during evening hours. The following year, we broke ground on Childs Avenue in Merced, where our largest Health Center campus in the region remains today.

Since that time, we have expanded greatly to meet community needs across Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin counties, now serving nearly 200,000 patients each year through 47 clinical locations in the region.

We have certainly grown but we will never outgrow our mission: to improve the health of our patients by providing high-quality, primary healthcare services to people in the communities we serve regardless of language, financial, or cultural barriers. Golden Valley Health Center has not wavered from our roots. We were born out of a strong desire to increase access to healthcare for all. An organization that began as a small grassroots effort to care for the uninsured has defied expectations to become one of the largest Federally Qualified Health Centers in California.

By 1977, GVHC had expanded its services to Stanislaus County, and in the years that followed, clinic proposals were approved throughout both Merced and Stanislaus Counties. The establishment of school-based health centers in 1993 and 1994 further enhanced student and community health in under-served areas.

In 1995, we adopted a new name, "Golden Valley Health Centers." This would provide a unified brand across the region as growth continued. At the time, GVHC operated with a staff of 41, serving 42,000 individuals per year of all ages, treating medical and dental issues. Special populations became an important focus. In 1998 the organization began a homeless healthcare program to provide free medical services to Stanislaus County's homeless population.

Technology advanced clinical operations and patient care tremendously and growth continued. In 2012, GVHC's first CEO, Mike Sullivan retired after 40 years of service. Tony Weber was named President and CEO. Since that time, GVHC continued to grow, opening clinics in San Joaquin County and expanding into telehealth and remote health monitoring programs. Even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Golden Valley Health Centers explored new frontiers to care for the changing needs of our community, introducing a new program called PACE (a program of all-inclusive care for the elderly). PACE allows qualifying older adults to live safely at home while receiving personalized medical care, meals, activities, and camaraderie through an innovative day program.

The ideology that everyone should have access to health care has been central to our work over the past five decades and remains our guiding principle today. From our humble beginnings, in 1972, our mission has been to improve the health of our community. Through dedication, bold leadership, and a strong network of partners ...53 years later we proudly continue this work and look forward to the future of healthcare through generations to come.



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What we offer:

- Salary based on experience
- Sign on bonus
- Five days of CME, $3,000 CME reimbursement and 10 paid holidays
- Flexible schedule with four or five day work weeks
- Paid time off
- Provider Productivity Program
- Incentive bonuses based on quality and productivity
- National Health Service Corps Scholar and loan repayment (Eligibility Varies)
- Organizational HPSA (Health Provider Shortage Area) score of 18
- 47 clinic sites located throughout the Central Valley of California

The patients we serve

At Golden Valley Health Centers, we proudly serve a diverse community, with 70% of our patient population identifying as Latino, many originating from Jalisco, Michoacán, and Zacatecas. We take pride in fostering meaningful connections by recruiting providers who share a deep cultural and geographical bond with our patients. Among our dedicated team, many of our providers are native Spanish speakers who were born and raised in Central America before bringing their expertise and compassion to California and joining the GVHC family.

STAFF NUMBERS



Total employees:
1,124
Merced County: 532
Stanislaus County: 557
San Joaquin County: 35



Total providers:
125



Locations:
47



Total patients:
161,512



Total annual visits:
697,972

CONTACT OUR RECRUITMENT TEAM TO DISCUSS OPPORTUNITIES:

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A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

We care for you - so you can care for your patients.
At GVHC, we make sure our providers have excellent benefits.

WORK VISA SPONSORSHIP

Processing/ Filing/ Attorney fees covered by GVHC when services are rendered through our retained immigration attorney.

CME BENEFITS & MORE

In addition to the benefits package, we offer CME reimbursement up to $3000 per year, five days of dedicated CME time, and cover the cost of your California License, your DEA, CPR and one professional society in your specialty.

LOAN FORGIVENESS

GVHC has a Health Provider Shortage Area (HPSA) score of 18, depending on the site. Providers may be eligible for federal loan repayment through the National Health Service Corps as well as the California State Loan repayment program (through the OSHPD). These programs offer certain providers the opportunity to have their student loans repaid in exchange for providing health care in communities with limited access to care.

Golden Valley Health Centers can support loan forgiveness by verifying that a healthcare provider is employed at a qualifying site and is fulfilling the required service hours needed to receive loan repayment assistance from HRSA.

For healthcare professionals looking to leverage a loan repayment program, working at a verified organization is crucial as it ensures their service hours will be accurately documented and considered for loan forgiveness.

INSURANCE

Our insurance coverage is in the top two percent of the nation. GVHC offers three self-funded group health plans, as well as flexible spending accounts like pre-tax savings for medical expenses and dependent care expenses.

We pay the entire premium to Reliance for your Life, Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance (AD&D), and your long-term disability insurance. We also provide Voluntary Life insurance.

In addition, employees can choose to buy additional life insurance for themselves and family members at group rates via payroll deductions.

PAID TIME OFF

We offer PAID TIME OFF (PTO), 10 national holidays, seven days paid employee sick leave per year, and paid vacation time. Providers earn up to 136 hours of PTO per year if they have up to two years of service and 176 hours of PTO per year for providers with three or more years of service. Education assistance, the eligibility for quarterly incentive pay and other benefits are also available to GVHC providers.

Benefits are available for providers with an FTE of .75 and above. Providers are eligible for most benefits on the first day of the month following 30 days of employment.

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COLLABORATIVE SPIRIT



A WORD FROM OUR CMO

Eduardo Villarama, MD

Here at Golden Valley Health Centers (GVHC) we emphasize teamwork and collaboration in every decision we make. For more than fifty years, our employees have been our most valuable asset and our patients have been the reason we do what we do. We are proud of the trust we have earned in our community and the growth we have seen, in serving nearly 200,000 patients every year. As an organization, we find work-life balance to be important and our communities have plenty to offer those who are seeking life adventures. At Golden Valley Health Centers, we proudly celebrate the tapestry of cultures throughout our organization, in our patients, providers, and staff. GVHC has an incredibly diverse team of healthcare providers, representing 16 countries and 26 different languages with 50 Foreign Medical Graduates on our clinical staff. Providers from varied ethnic backgrounds bring unique perspectives, experiences, and cultural understandings that enhance patient care in meaningful ways and make us a more effective organization.

GVHC currently has nearly 50 clinical sites, divided into four regions. These clinics are supervised by our Regional Medical Directors (RMDs). We offer comprehensive primary care services, Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, Integrated Behavioral Health, Psychiatry, Dental, Optometry, Chiropractic, Sports Medicine-orthopedics, and Women's Health / OB-Gyn. We also have Urgent Care sites that provide walk-in appointments for our patients. A unique aspect of GHVC is our in-house Specialty Care program, featuring 21 specialty services, including Ophthalmology, Allergy and Immunology, Cardiology and General Surgery to name a few.

In 2020, GVHC opened the doors to a senior care program called PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly). GVHC has two PACE locations, one in Stanislaus County and one in Merced County. These programs are fueled by a centralized referral process and supported by a full medical team with talented nurses and support staff.

Many opportunities for professional growth exist at GVHC. Our providers have the option to only to be mentored by the RMDs—but to teach and mentor Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Medical Students, and Residents. We are thankful for your consideration as you determine your place of employment. We hope you decide to join us. At GVHC you can give back to the profession and the community while being supported, valued and respected.

Eduardo T. Villarama, MD

See why our providers love working at Golden Valley Health Centers

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OUR TEAM OF MEDICAL LEADERS



Elaine Soriano, MD
Senior Regional Medical Director



Daniel Diep, MD
Regional Medical Director
(Mid Region)



Abhilasha Sharma, MD
Regional Medical Director
(South Region)



Carrie Janiski, MD
Regional Medical Director
(North Region)



Richa Verma, MD
Regional Medical Director -
Director of Medical Informatics



Jordan Combs, MD
Dental Director



Neal Dunitz, MD
Medical Director -
Central Valley PACE

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THE GOLDEN STATE

California's Central Valley is a veritable wealth of riches. From the fertile soil, providing an amazing 40 percent of our country's fruits and vegetables and nuts, to some of the most breathtaking coastlines in the world on the West Coast of California. On the east side, you'll discover the majestic Sierra Nevada mountain range boasting world-renowned Yosemite National Park. And right in the center of it all? Golden Valley Health Centers.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Yosemite National Park is an iconic California wonder, located in the Sierra Nevada mountains. It's famous for its towering, ancient sequoia trees and for Tunnel View, Bridal Veil Falls, and the sheer, stark cliffs of El Capitan and Half Dome. Hikers and outdoor enthusiasts marvel at the area's abundance of trails and mountains.

THE BAY AREA

The high-energy lifestyle of the bay is so much of what California is known for. With cities like Berkeley and San Francisco, and sights like Muir Woods or the expansive, glittering coastline, people come for miles to shop, savor, and explore. North of the Bay Area, you'll find the extraordinary Napa Valley and wine country.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, Hollywood, and Orange County are what some might consider the Californian cultural hub. That special brand of star-studded, palm tree opulence can't be found anywhere else. Not to mention, it's the home of Disneyland, Universal Studios, endless summer, and the notorious Valley accent.

SUN AND SAND

The legendary Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk welcomes visitors with endless rides, games, and fun! Take a self-guided historical walking tour when you visit the Boardwalk or just enjoy a day on the sand. Capitola is nearby as well, with shops and restaurants, boasting the charm and vibrant hues of a small Mediterranean village. Dine on the water and enjoy a day of shopping. Just a bit further down the coast are the world-class beaches of Monterey and Carmel.

Less than a day's drive

- Sequoia National Park (172 miles/3 hours)
- Lake Tahoe (179 miles/3 hours)
- Reno, Nevada (197 miles/3.25 hours)
- Mount Shasta (291 miles/4.75 hours)
- Hollywood (292 miles/4.75 hours)
- Los Angeles (298 miles/5 hours)
- Disneyland (324 miles/5.5 hours)
- Redwood National Park (400 miles/7 hours)
- San Diego (418 miles/7 hours)
- Baja California, Mexico (452 miles/7.5 hours)
- Oregon Coast (459 miles/8 hours)

Less than a 2 hour drive away, world class destinations include

- Gold County (55 miles/80 minutes)
- San Francisco (84 miles/90 minutes)
- Silicon Valley (87 miles/90 minutes)
- Yosemite National Park (90 miles/2 hours)
- Napa (105 miles/90 minutes)
- The Beaches of Monterey and Santa Cruz (106 miles/1.75 hours)



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EDUCATION

Stanislaus County

106,973 students
25 School Districts
195 Total Schools

- TK-K:1
- Elementary: 98
- Middle/Junior High Schools: 26
- High School: 20
- Charter: 22
- Private School: 26
- Special Ed: 2

Student-Teacher Ratio: 12:1

Merced County

59,563 students
20 School Districts
108 Total Schools

- TK-K:1
- Elementary: 58
- Middle/Junior High Schools: 16
- High School: 14
- Charter: 3
- Private School: 14
- Special Ed: 2

Student-Teacher Ratio: 14:1

San Joaquin County

135,000 students
14 School Districts
289 Total Schools

- Elementary: 158
- Middle/Junior High Schools: 14
- High School: 28
- Charter: 49
- Private School: 36
- Special Ed: 4

Student-Teacher Ratio: 12:1

Higher Education Schools in the Central Valley

- California State University, Stanislaus*
- Modesto Junior College
- University of California, Merced*
- California State University- Fresno*
- University of the Pacific
- Volt Institute
- San Joaquin Delta College
- Brandman University
- Humphreys University
- Merced Junior College
- San Joaquin Valley College
- Institute of Technology
- Capella University

**The above schools offer MPH (Master of Public Health)*

Online options

- Loma Linda University
- California Baptist University
- National University- San Diego
- San Diego State University
- San Jose State University
- University of California-Irvine
- University of San Francisco
- University of Southern California
- George Washington University
- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
- University of New Mexico
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

For more information on the Master of Public Health Program scan the QR code:

Advanced Training Program

The Advanced Training program (ATP) at GVHC is a 6-month onboarding program that allows advanced practitioners, with less than 1 full year of experience, to transition from being a recent graduate to becoming confident and competent health care providers.

ATP encompasses all the challenges a new providers faces while allowing autonomy and providing mentorship and support at the same time. Each fellow is expected to see their own panel of patients with a gradual increase over the duration of the program, and attend informative discussions where common cases and diagnoses seen in the central valley are introduced. Periodic evaluations monitor the progress of each fellow, ensuring that they is ready to successfully transition into the next phase and eventually to their home site.

HOUSING

The median monthly rental price in Central Valley, CA is $1,305, significantly lower than $3,100 in the Bay Area or the state average of $2,500. Similarly, the median single-family home sale price in Central Valley is $312,000, compared to $2,000,000 in the Bay Area and the state average of $778,355.

Stanislaus County

- **Population:** 538,000
- **Monthly Rent for Apartment:** $1,500-$1,747
- **Medium cost for Single Family Home:** $480,000

Merced County

- **Population:** 291,920
- **Monthly Rent for Apartment:** $1,300-$1,780
- **Medium cost for Single Family Home:** $410,000

San Joaquin County

- **Population:** 800,965
- **Monthly Rent for Apartment:** $1,864 - $2,400
- **Medium cost for Single Family Home:** $569,225

Resources:
Ed-data.org, Sjcoe.org, and Zillow.

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Surrounded by rich farmland, California's Central Valley—known as the "Golden Empire"—is a top producer of goods like milk, almonds, walnuts, and many fruit varieties. Residents enjoy fresh produce at farmers markets, thanks to the hard-working families who tend the land and provide food for countless tables. We were living a Farm-to-table lifestyle from the beginning!





Weather

The Central Valley enjoys 300 days of sunshine each year, with pleasant seasonal temperatures. July sees the warmest average at 83.5 degrees, while January brings the coolest average at 46 degrees. Rain is scarce, with January receiving the highest monthly precipitation at just 2.4 inches.

Major Religions in the Central Valley

- Catholicism
- Non-Denominational Christianity
- Jehovah's Witness
- Southern Baptist
- Evangelical Protestant
- Buddhism
- Black Protestant
- Islam
- Seventh-day Adventist
- Hinduism
- Sikhism
- Mormonism



Fun & Exciting Local Activities

The Central Valley of California is a wholesome place with a pioneering spirit and hard-working people. We are a creative community that honors its roots while looking to the future with excitement and a positive outlook. We value original thinking, cultural experiences, music and the arts, offering an abundance of events and performing art venues with lots to see and do.

Live Music/Plays

- Gallo Center for the Arts
- State Theatre
- Prospect Theater
- Modesto Symphony
- Concert in the Park
- Music Festivals
- Outdoor Concerts at the Fruityard

Arts

- Carnegie Arts Center
- Multicultural Arts Center
- Modesto Art Walk
- Museums

Festivals

- Mural Festival
- Almond Blossom Festival
- Apricot Festival
- Wine & Cheese Festival

Community Events

- First Friday Night Market
- Farmers Markets
- Dia De Los Muertos
- American Graffiti Car Shows
- Holiday Parades
- Rodeo
- Regional Parks & Trails

HIGH-QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR ALL

OUR MISSION

We provide access to high-quality health care for all, serving with dignity, respect and compassion.

OUR VISION

By living our core values, we will be recognized as an employer and provider of choice, where everyone feels genuinely cared for and valued.

THE TEAM APPROACH

As one of our providers, you'll have medical assistants as well as health educators, behaviorists, ASW and LCSW to support you you throughout your day. Clinics have nursing teams to ensure you have the clinical help you need. In addition, our leadership and Regional Medical Directors (RMDs) are seasoned, practicing physicians, who serve as mentors and support providers for additional guidance. The RMDs will be your primary point of contact for any concerns or questions you might have. We want to make sure that our providers are well supported as they care for our patients.

CORE VALUES



Collaboration

We value and promote collaboration at all levels, creating a culture built on trust, empathy, positivity, clarity and accountability.



Advocacy

We champion practices and policies that promote equity in health care and sustainability for GVHC.



Integrity

Our actions reflect our commitment to a culture where honesty, transparency and accountability ensure we do the right thing.



Innovation

We value curiosity, technology, inclusivity and adaptability to continually improve the way we work.

Respect

We respect and value every person we interact with, treating one another with dignity and compassion.

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THE JOINT COMMISSION
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