Women’s Wellness Connection and WISEWOMAN

Women’s Wellness Connection (WWC) provides breast and cervical cancer screening (clinical breast exams, Pap tests, and mammograms) to eligible women. The Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment provides free screenings for women who:

- Are 21-64 years old for cervical cancer screening.
- Are 40-64 years old for breast cancer screening and WISEWOMAN.
- Live in Colorado.
- Are legal residents of the United States.
- Have no health insurance or are underinsured.
- Meet income requirements.

MISSION: Provide, promote, and ensure quality breast and cervical cancer screening for underserved women in Colorado and connect them to resources.

HISTORY: Women’s Wellness Connection began in 1991. It is a program administered by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and part of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program.

SERVICES: The Women’s Wellness Connection program provides breast and cervical cancer screenings (clinical breast exams, mammograms, pelvic exams, and Pap tests) to eligible women and assists with diagnostic testing for those with abnormal screening results. If a woman is diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer, she can be enrolled in the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Program (BCCP) through Health First Colorado.

WISEWOMAN: The Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation (WiWo) works in conjunction with the WWC program to provide cardiovascular disease risk factors screenings for women ages 40-64. These screenings include blood pressure, glucose, and cholesterol. The program also offers risk reduction counseling, referrals, lifestyle programs, and other health behavior support options to improve control of hypertension and other cardiovascular disease risk factors.

Why get screened? Regular screenings play a role in early detection and prevention of cancer, resulting in improved treatment outcomes in the event that abnormal cells or cancer are discovered. Additionally, addressing risk factors such as high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, obesity, inactivity, diabetes, and smoking greatly reduces a women’s risk of cardiovascular disease-related illness and death.

Find out if you qualify. Call Mary Saldivar, Program Assistant, at 970-400-2329.