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\$30M health hub opens in eastern Brooklyn

The Institute for Community Living and the Community Healthcare Network opened their \$30 million East New York Health Hub on Monday, bringing primary care and behavioral health services to one of the city's poorest areas.

The 40,000-square-foot health center at 2581 Atlantic Ave. will provide care coordination, housing services, nutrition support, jobs programs and substance-use services. It will employ more than 240 full-time staff members.

The project, which has been underway for [more than two years](#), is located near the border of the Brownsville and East New York neighborhoods. Both communities have some of the highest rates of chronic health conditions, such as diabetes, and have among the highest rates of psychiatric hospitalizations. Gov. Andrew Cuomo previously invested \$664 million into eastern and central Brooklyn to increase health care access in that part of the borough.

The project was financed through new markets tax credits from the Primary Care Development Corp. and the Corporation for Supportive Housing. Deutsche Bank's Community Development Finance Group provided a construction loan, and the City Council provided \$750,000 in funding.

The health center integrates primary care and behavioral health, going beyond "simple co-location of services," said David Woodlock, president and CEO of ICL.

"The hub takes a unique, whole-person approach, looking at how early life events and the social determinants of health—like economic instability, housing issues, crime and institutional racism—affect health," he said in a statement.