

## Free Clinic Open House Tuesday

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Ashe County Free Medical Clinic is one of 69 free clinics taking part in a Statewide Open House sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Free Clinics

(NCAFC) in partnership with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation. The event is an effort to educate the community about free clinics.

The doors will stay open late on Tuesday, April 24 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. to give community members, civic leaders and government officials the chance to tour the facility, ask questions and learn more about the critical health care needs being met by North Carolina's free clinics. The Ashe County Free Medical Clinic is the first free clinic in Northwest North Carolina.

To learn more about the clinic, call 846-4649 or go online [acfmc.org](http://acfmc.org). Also, come to the open house on Tuesday to see what the clinic is all about. The North Carolina Association of Free Clinics, founded in 1998, is a

private, nonprofit, headquartered in Winston-Salem. The Association received its largest grant to date for \$10 million from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation, in order to expand and strengthen the free health clinic network across the state.