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**UAMS Gap Services Offers
Health Screenings June 27 in McGehee**

LITTLE ROCK — Free food, health information, health screenings and more will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 27 at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Gap Services office in McGehee.

The office, which opened in May at 1609 E. Ash St. in McGehee, provides free health services, as well as access to a food pantry, for residents of southeast Arkansas.

The June 27 event kicks off SARF (Save AR Future), a prevention program related to substance abuse, HIV and the related stigma affecting young adults in Arkansas, particularly minority populations.

Anyone seeking more information is invited to call or email Peggy Woodson, director of the office, at 870-200-2737 or pdwoodson@uams.edu. Woodson is a program manager in the UAMS College of Medicine Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, Division of Research and Evaluation.

Among the services provided at the UAMS Gap Services office are preventive services for substance abuse disorder, rapid testing for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, general health screenings, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) digital health services and access to the food pantry. Digital health services are also available for people who lack access to a computer and need to participate in virtual visits with a clinician or a UAMS physician.

Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays.

The UAMS Department of Family and Preventive Medicine's Gap Services program is assisted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Arkansas Department of Health and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), a branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; a hospital; a main

campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital Health & Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS' clinical enterprise. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. *U.S. News & World Report* recognized UAMS Medical Center as a Best Hospital for 2021-22; ranked its ear, nose and throat program among the top 50 nationwide for the third year; and named five areas as high performing — colon cancer surgery, diabetes, hip replacement, knee replacement and stroke. UAMS has 3,047 students, 873 medical residents and fellows, and six dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 11,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children's, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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