

Central City Old Town Clinic - is a designated Healthcare for the Homeless program in downtown Portland that was selected by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation as one of the 30 "exemplar" practices in the U.S. Old Town Clinic is part of a larger agency, Central City Concern, whose mission is to provide comprehensive solutions to homelessness through healthcare and addiction services, direct access to housing, and attainment of income through employment or benefits. Old Town Clinic functions as an integrated, patient-centered medical home engaging medical care, behavioral health, addiction services, hepatitis C treatment, and complementary medicine to address the needs of a complex and vulnerable population. In addition to learning outpatient-based internal medicine, residents will learn new skills in addiction medicine and addressing social determinants of health. The Old Town Clinic is a service-oriented clinic with a high proportion of people suffering from severe trauma, severe and persistent mental illness, and substance use disorders. Practicing in this environment can be taxing as well as extraordinarily rewarding. Residents who thrive at Old Town do not just believe in the ideals of trauma-informed care and social justice medicine, they truly derive joy from caring for the underserved and can manage well in chaotic environments.