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BRISTOL — The old saying, "you can't go home again," does not seem to apply to Dr. Alicia Dodson, a Bristol native who has returned to the city after a decade of schooling and training

Dodson is now one of two primary care doctors at the Community Health Center on North Main Street.

"I chose to come back here," said Dodson, 42. "I wanted to be closer to my family and I liked the goal of the Community Health Center, looking at the whole patient overall and making sure everyone has access to health care."

Dodson attended SouthSide Elementary School and graduated Bristol Eastern High School in 1992. She graduated from Yale University with a bachelor's degree in biology and graduated Pennsylvania State University with a medical degree.

She took her residency in northeast Pennsylvania and began working at the Community Health Center in 2012.

"Health care is a right — not a privilege," she said. "We have sliding-scale fees and help people without insurance."

The most common ailments patients face are diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure and asthma, Dodson noted.

"We have a lot of resources here. One of my goals is to present new opportunities in health care to the people of Bristol," Dodson said. She

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Public relations representative Leslie Gianelli noted the Community Health Center has been around for 44 years. "There are unique conditions here," she said. "We have nutritionists, behavioral health specialists and pediatric care. Most people hear of us through word of mouth."

Some of the things Dodson said she enjoys about working at the center is the variety of people she meets and the evolution of medical technologies.

"There's always something new and different here," she said. "If someone presents with a rash, we can take a photo of it and talk to another provider, sending the picture. It's a great link for providers."

While she is happy with the job, there are frustrations. "My biggest pet peeve is the time constraints," she said, "I would really like to see the Bristol site expand and get more providers. But I have a lot of faith in the Community Health Center."

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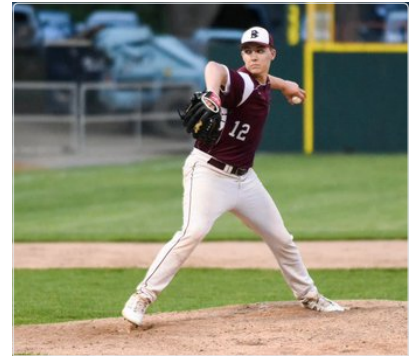
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