



Letter from the Class of 2024 Lead Residents

Thank you for your interest in the Montana Family Medicine Residency (MFMR) in Billings, MT!

We would like to start by sharing a little bit of MFMR's history. MFMR began 27 years ago and was the first family medicine residency in Montana. Our residency program is located in the beautiful city of Billings. Billings is the largest city in Montana with 117,000 people. It is the medical hub for Eastern Montana, Northern Wyoming, and the Western Dakotas. We are proud to partner with the 4 major medical systems in Billings: RiverStone Health, SCL Health St. Vincent/Intermountain Health, Billings Clinic, and the Veterans Administration.

We hold our continuity clinic for outpatient care at RiverStone Health Clinic, located just down the street from the two hospitals, Billings Clinic and SCL Health St. Vincent/Intermountain Health. RiverStone Health is a federally qualified healthcare center (FQHC) and certified as a NCQA Patient Centered Medical Home. The clinic itself was recently remodeled in 2018.

The clinic features:

- Designated attending preceptor room
- Behavioral health team, including pediatric behavioral health
- Acute care clinic
- Dental clinic
- Clinical pharmacy team
- Dedicated care managers
- Immunization clinic
- WIC and Family Health Services
- Ryan White and Hepatitis C Clinic
- Attached Pharmacy
- Public Health Department for Yellowstone County

RiverStone Health also has satellite clinics that include two school-based clinics, one Healthcare for the Homeless clinic, and rural clinics located in the nearby towns of Bridger, Joliet, and Worden.

Billings is a great family-friendly place to live. There is no shortage of things to do in Montana's largest city. The Yellowstone River flows through town, flanked by picturesque sandstone cliffs known as the Rimrocks. There are many outdoor activities to take part in including rock climbing, hiking, running, or biking in nearby areas. The inspiring Beartooth Mountains are just over an hour away and offer great camping, hiking, and fishing in mountain lakes and streams. In the winter,



skiing and snowboarding are possible close by at Red Lodge Mountain. There are plenty of rivers nearby to fish or float when the weather is warm: The Big Horn, Stillwater, and Yellowstone are easily accessible. If you are wanting to hit the road for a day trip or the weekend, Billings is located just 3 hours away from Yellowstone National Park, 2 hours from Bozeman, and just north of the Big Horn Mountains in Wyoming and the Black Hills of South Dakota.

What really sets our program apart are our residents, faculty and administrative staff as well as our training in frontier medicine. Our faculty are kind, supportive, engaging, and passionate about education with a variety of interests. We have the opportunity to complete two months of rural training in frontier areas of Montana. We also have the opportunity to work with Native populations.

Our residents are a diverse group who come from many different locations and backgrounds. We get together often for dinners and events, and truly have a “family” type feel among the residents. This is a truly unique and special place to learn full-spectrum family medicine. We have tracks offered to residents with particular interest in these areas, these include the Wilderness Medicine Track, Obstetrics Track, and Public Health and Advocacy Track. We hope to have the opportunity to learn family medicine with you under the Big Sky of Montana. If you are interested in learning more, we would love to hear from you, please feel free to reach out to us!

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