Blooms From the Desert:

12 Signs of a Healthy Organization

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We are mission-driven

Our organization's mission is the compass that consistently guides our actions and decisions. Everything we do moves us toward our mission of providing our community with access to high quality health care.





We are patientand familycentered

Our patients and families are the reason we are here. We strive every day to provide high quality health care services and a positive experience.





We trust the wisdom of our team members

Those closest to the work should be considered the experts. We must create space for multiple voices and perspectives so we can co-create our future together.





We pause, selfregulate, and think creatively in times of difficulty

We support each other in difficult situations and in our learning. We pause for perspective, listening and creativity, and then we persevere together.





We strive to continually improve

Evidence-based practice, PDQSA cycles, and personal development guide our organizational growth.





We are responsible stewards of our resources

Through planning, conservation, and equitable distribution, we provide the best care for all patients.





We welcome input and feedback from all sources

Whether leading or following, we recognize none of us is infallible. We are open to ideas from everyone, so we all benefit and grow.





We work collaboratively for the benefit of our community

Teamwork is at the heart of our success. We do not allow personal ambition or ego to interfere.





We listen, listen, and listen some more

We listen and respond with compassion and empathy.





We honor the dignity of each person in the language we use

We adhere to the motto "nothing about us without us." We create spaces of psychological safety where we can be our authentic selves. We use appropriate pronouns and pronounce names correctly.





We recognize it is not about us.

We commit to using language all can understand rather than medical jargon. We ask ourselves how would that statement make me feel? Is this how we would treat someone we love?





Above all, we are kind

Asking questions is not a sign of weakness; assuming you have all the answers is. We are accepting of ourselves and recognize our connectedness to one another.

