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DALLAS--A new woman's clinic will be opened this month in the Lancaster-Kiest Shopping Center by The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School's Family Planning Project.

This will be the sixth facility manned by the project which is sponsored by the Office of Health, Education, and Welfare in cooperation with the medical school, Dallas County Hospital District and Dallas Health Department.

"The major thrust of the new center will be to give reproductive care and guidance to any woman," said Dr. Jack Pritchard, professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at UTSMS who is project director. "We will provide prenatal care for the pregnant woman; we will provide for the woman who is not pregnant and who does not wish to be; and we will provide for the woman who is not pregnant and who wants to be."

The new center, which will be in 3,000 square feet of commercial space, will be designed as a pilot unit for innovations. "It will be something we can maneuver or modulate to find more effective ways of doing the job," said Dr. Pritchard.

Location of the facility in the shopping center came after a survey conducted by Dr. Walter Taylor, assistant professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and chief physician for the Family Planning Project. "Our survey showed this was an area of very great need," he said.

Basic staff will include two doctors, a nurse and clerical personnel. Dr. Pritchard emphasized that center services are available without cost.

The Family Planning Project has been underway in Dallas for two years and in that time has provided services and counseling for thousands of women.

Project centers are in Parkland Memorial Hospital, the South Dallas Health Center, the West Dallas Health Center, Oak Cliff Health Center, and Grand Prairie Health Center.

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