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Putting health care where kids are. ... In school.

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\$14 Million Awarded to School Health Centers in California

The health of students in California received a \$14 million boost from the federal government today with the announcement of funding for equipment and facilities for school-based health centers.

The grants are part of federal health care reform, which for the first time in history includes a dedicated federal funding stream specifically for school-based health centers (SBHCs). Of the 278 grantees nationwide, 35 are in California (see page 2 for the complete list of California's grantees).

"These grants will make a tremendous difference in the lives of thousands of children and their families by funding new and expanded services at school-based health centers," said Serena Clayton, Executive Director of the California School Health Centers Association (CSHC). "These grants embody the spirit of health care reform – making health services affordable and accessible and putting prevention first. Putting health care right where kids spend most of their day gives every child the opportunity to be healthy and successful."

The current health care system is inefficient and expensive, Clayton noted. With SBHCs, every student has greater access to quality, preventative care.

"This is really going to provide us with an opportunity to make a huge difference in our communities for the children and families we serve," said Beverly B. Speak, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of Kids Come First Community Clinic in Ontario. "We work to make sure prevention and wellness programming is integrated into the learning environment at school. The impact is far beyond the health care. It impacts the quality of life." Kids Come First was awarded \$500,000 to move to a nearby site and renovate several rooms to build a state-of-the-art facility.

Background

California has 176 school-based health centers in elementary, middle and high schools. At least 30 SBHCs are in the start-up process, with some possibly opening as early as spring 2012.

SBHCs are usually located directly on a school campus and provide primary and preventive health care at no or low cost. Staff vary in size, and typically includes nurse practitioners, nurses, mental health counselors, as well as part-time physicians and medical students. Clinical services may include: primary medical care, mental health, and/or dental care. Prevention programs may include: health education, nutrition and physical activity, and youth leadership development.

Section 4101(a) of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (aka health care reform) designates

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About Us. The California School Health Centers Association (CSHC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the health and academic success of children and youth. Our work is based on the concepts that health care should be easily accessible where kids are, and schools should have the services needed to ensure that poor health is not a barrier to learning. We are working toward a future when all students have access to the health services they need to be successful in school. School health services include programs such as, school nurses, comprehensive school health centers, mental health/counseling and dental programs. www.schoolhealthcenters.org.

\$200 million over four years for the construction of and equipment for SBHCs.

This is a competitive grant process and the awards announced today are the first round of grants to be awarded through the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). HRSA received more than 350 applications nationwide. Of California's 43 applications, 35 sites were awarded grants ranging from \$24,736 to \$500,000. The projects include everything from purchasing mobile medical units to purchasing new equipment to construction or expansion of a new site.

California's school health centers that were awarded health care reform grants from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) are:

School Site/Provider	Amount
The Los Angeles Free Clinic	\$254,465
Borrego Community Health Foundation	\$499,000
Konocti Unified School District	\$444,200
Clovis Unified School District	\$500,000
Valley Health Team Inc.	\$500,000
University Muslim Medical Association Community Clinic	\$106,950
T.H.E. Clinic Inc.	\$415,393
Operation Samahan Inc.	\$493,885
Tulare Community Health Clinic	\$412,000
Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center Inc.	\$285,365
Stockton Unified School District	\$56,436
Alameda County Health Care Services Agency	\$399,260
Castle Family Health Centers Inc.	\$500,000
Central City Community Health Center Inc.	\$500,000
Community Health Centers of the Central Coasts	\$500,000
Contra Costa County Health Services Depart.	\$498,524
East Valley Community Health Center	\$65,543
Family Health Centers Of San Diego Inc.	\$500,000
Fresno County Office Of Education	\$449,072
Golden Valley Health Center	\$500,000
Health Mobile Santa Clara	\$500,000
Los Angeles Unified School District	\$489,888
Kids Come First	\$500,000
Kings Canyon Unified School District	\$500,000
Mission City Community Network Inc.	\$500,000
Northeast Valley Health Corporation	\$371,631
Native American Health Center Inc.	\$24,736
La Maestra Family Clinic	\$406,733
San Jose Foothills Family Community Clinic	\$277,800
Salud Para La Gente Inc.	\$500,000
Southwest Community Health Center	\$500,000
Watts Healthcare Corporation	\$499,999
St. Johns Well Child & Family Center	\$500,000
Children's Clinic Serving Children & Their Families	\$485,000
El Monte City School District	\$114,517

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Editor's Note: CSHC can provide contact information for several of the sites in addition to youth, parents and school administrators who are impacted by the funding. For more information, contact CSHC's Communications Director, Dara Tom at 510-504-5455 or dtom@schoolhealthcenters.org.