

School-based health centers (SBHCs) are an innovative way to make sure all kids get health care and do well in school. In 2000, California had 108 SBHCs; today, there are 231.

WHAT DEFINES SBHCs?

- **Enhanced access to health care** by bringing it directly to where students and families are and conducting active school-based outreach to connect students with care.
- **Stronger prevention and population health** by connecting clinical care with public health approaches such as group and classroom education, school wide screenings and prevention programs, or efforts to address the social determinants of health.
- **Intensive support for the highest need students** by being present on a daily basis to manage chronic disease, address behavioral health issues, deal with crises, and help students and families access resources.
- **Support for the school's mission to improve academic achievement** by working together to address absenteeism, school climate, and classroom behavior and performance.
- **Integration into the health care system** by communicating and coordinating care with other providers and payers.

WHERE ARE CALIFORNIA'S SBHCs?

- Of California's 231 SBHCs, 40% are in high schools, 25% are in elementary schools, 10% are in middle schools, and 25% are "school linked" or mobile medical vans.
- Many SBHCs are located in schools serving some of the state's most vulnerable children. On campuses with school health centers, about 70% of students receive free or reduced price meals.

WHO DETERMINES WHICH SERVICES ARE OFFERED?

SBHCs encompass a variety of models – from clinics with full-time medical and mental health staff to part-time clinics offering a limited set of services. Some SBHCs serve only students, others serve the entire community. School boards have the final say over what services are provided so the community is always in control.

WHO OPERATES SBHCs?

The most common types of organizations that operate SBHCs are:

- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- School districts
- County health departments
- Hospitals

HOW ARE SBHCs FINANCED?

- Reimbursement through health plans, the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP), Family PACT, Medi-Cal, and EPSDT contracts for mental health services.
- School district contributions or in-kind support of space, utilities, and custodial services.
- Sponsoring agency contributions or subsidies.
- Government and private grants.

WHAT TYPES OF SERVICES ARE PROVIDED?

Service	% Centers
Medical Services	87%
Health Education	61%
Mental Health Services	64%
Reproductive Health - Screening and Education	70%
Reproductive Health - Clinical Care	55%
Nutrition and Fitness Programs	33%
Dental Services - Prevention	42%
Dental Services - Treatment	23%
Youth Engagement Programs	38%