

Join Us in San Diego April 30-May 1 for *Advancing Equity in Education & Health Care*

Please plan to attend our 2015 health and education equity conference April 30-May 1 at the beachside Bahia Resort in San Diego. Remember that members of our organization receive a discount on our conference in addition to access to valuable resources and technical assistance.

Visit bit.ly/schoolhealth2015 to learn more and register.

Upcoming Mental Health Webinar: Tuesday, February 17, 10-11 am

How to Conduct Behavioral Health Needs Assessments in School Districts. Presented by Alameda County Center for Healthy Schools and Communities. Learn more and sign up at bit.ly/cshawebinars.

Clarifying the Critical Role of School Nurses in School-Based Health Centers

School nurses are critical leaders in school health. See pp. 28-29 of our school-based health center handbook, *Vision to Reality*, for details on how to complement the critical role school nurses play when you establish your school-based health center. Ask Salina Mendoza for details on how you can become a member of the California School-Based Health Alliance and access *Vision to Reality*.

Presentation: Child Development & Trauma - Considerations for Educators

Explore the impact of trauma on student behavior and learning. Learn about strategies educators can use to create developmentally appropriate and trauma-informed classroom and school environments.

Toolkit: Connecting Students to Mental Health Services - County & School Partnerships

See how seven counties are working collaboratively to provide school-linked mental health services, share financial resources to pay for these services, and address local issues such as truancy or recidivism by increasing access to mental health services for students. Download the toolkit on our website:

www.schoolhealthcenters.org/about-us/toolkits-and-services/toolkits/.

How Well Is Your School-Based Health Center Serving Students?

The number of school-based health centers (SBHCs) in California is growing, but with that growth comes a wide variation in practices – including varying degrees of connectedness to host schools. Are you delivering a level of access to care, prevention, and individualized support that makes a unique contribution to children's health and educational outcomes? Learn how you can determine where your SBHC stands and how you can improve outcomes. Go to www.schoolhealthcenters.org/sbhc-best-practices-checklist.

Starting a Successful SBHC: Spotlight on Partnerships & Collaboration

Stakeholders' first collaborative effort should be to develop a mutual understanding of their shared work. Review resources "Create a Blueprint for Collaboration" Resource, Areas of Intersection, Guiding Questions, Letter of Agreement, Sample Roles and Responsibilities, and Consent and Confidentiality. Review- [Starting an SBHC webpage](#), materials for educators and health providers.