



# West Contra Costa Unified School District

## School-Based Health Centers

### A Community/School Partnership

#### ► School-Based Health Centers: Who We Are

The mission of the WCCUSD school-based health centers is to foster student well-being and strengthen school community through an integrated and coordinated approach that builds equity and promotes academic success.

The District encompasses five cities and several unincorporated areas of West Contra Costa County including Hercules, Pinole, San Pablo, Richmond, and El Cerrito as well as Kensington, El Sobrante, and North Richmond.

With nearly 30,000 students pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, WCCUSD serves a diverse population with people of color comprising 86% of the students. Our students bring more than 80 home languages and one in three receives services for English language learners. More than 70 percent of students are eligible under federal guidelines for free or reduced lunches – an indicator of socioeconomic disadvantage.

**"I know if something were ever to happen to me, I have something to fall back on. If I need help with anything, I have some place to go."**

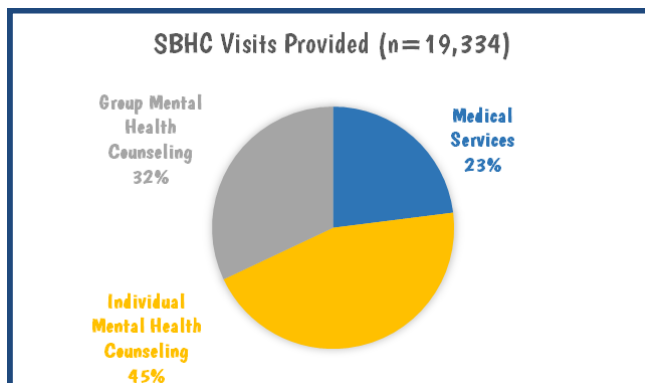
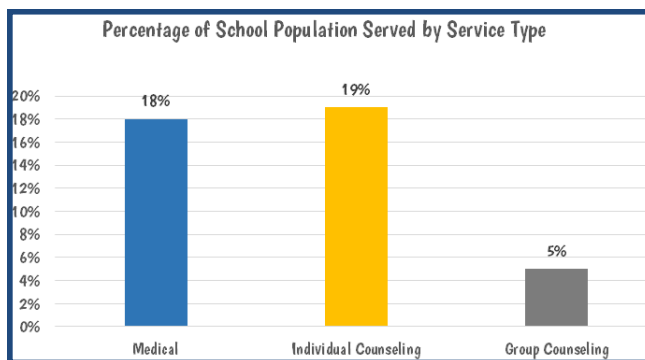
**– WCCUSD Student**



#### ► WCCUSD's School Health Initiative

West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) launched a district-wide school health initiative in 2006 by committing resources to support a Site Coordinator at each of its six comprehensive high schools. The Site Coordinators oversee operations and expansion of their high school's school-based health center (SBHC). These centers are open to all students regardless of ability to pay.

The WCCUSD School Health Initiative is a collaboration between the District, school site administrators, the six SBHCs, adolescent health advocates and community providers who have a commitment to delivering high quality school health and wellness services in all WCCUSD high schools.





## West Contra Costa Unified School District

### School-Based Health Centers

#### A Community/School Partnership

#### ► Services offered at the SBHCs

WCCUSD has made a strong commitment to School-Based Health Centers. Each of these SBHCs is unique and reflects the school health priorities of its students. Each is managed by a School Health Site Coordinator and supported by a community organization which serves as its lead agency. Although the SBHCs vary in look and feel, they all provide a fundamental level of mental, medical and health education services. SBHCs also provide students with **youth development** opportunities such as serving as peer health educators or on the SBHC's Youth Advisory Board.

**All services are free and confidential**

School-based health centers bring health services to students where they spend the majority of their time — at school. They are built out of community partnerships in order to **reduce** health disparities, and **improve** student health and academic success. Services provided can include medical, dental, mental health, health education, and youth development.

SBHCs rely upon a variety of sources to sustain their services. Insurance reimbursements, partner organization and school district contributions provide some of the needed funds, but **additional community support is critical to the sustainability of these centers.**

WCCUSD's SBHCs are among 243 SBHCs in California. For more information about SBHCs visit [www.schoolhealthcenters.org](http://www.schoolhealthcenters.org)

**Coronado Elementary Health Center**  
4301 Berk Avenue, Richmond  
Site Coordinator: Eleazar Martinez  
510-230-8591  
[emartinez@ymcaeastbay.org](mailto:emartinez@ymcaeastbay.org)

**El Cerrito H.S, James Morehouse Project**  
540 Ashbury Avenue, El Cerrito  
Site Coordinator: Jenn Rader  
510-524-8252  
[jenn@jmhops.org](mailto:jenn@jmhops.org)

**Kennedy H.S. Health Center**  
4300 Cutting Blvd., Richmond  
Site Coordinator: Bianca LaChaux  
510-231-1433 x 25818  
[Blachaux@ymcaEastBay.org](mailto:Blachaux@ymcaEastBay.org)

**De Anza H.S. Health Center**  
5000 Valley View Road, Richmond  
Site Coordinator: Gail Russell  
510-867-8763  
[grussell@bacr.org](mailto:grussell@bacr.org)

**Helms Middle School (Mental Health Only)**  
2500 Rd 20, San Pablo, CA 94806  
Site Coordinator: Megan White  
(510) 231-1423 x 32439  
[mwhite@bacr.org](mailto:mwhite@bacr.org)

**Pinole Valley H.S. Health Center**  
2900 Pinole Valley Road, Pinole  
Site Coordinator: Theresa Dade-Boone  
510-758-6991  
[tdade-boone@ymcaeastbay.org](mailto:tdade-boone@ymcaeastbay.org)

**Greenwood Academy Health Center**  
715 Chanslor Avenue, Richmond  
Site Coordinator: Reginald Figgs  
510-231-1402  
[rfiggs@ymcaeastbay.org](mailto:rfiggs@ymcaeastbay.org)

**Hercules H.S. Health Center**  
1900 Refugio Valley Road, Hercules  
Site Coordinator: Rachel Delgado  
510-231-1429 x 25203  
[rdelgado@bacr.org](mailto:rdelgado@bacr.org)

**Richmond H.S. Health Center**  
Community in Schools Building  
1250 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Richmond  
Site Coordinator: Terry Mitchell  
510-672-2201

#### ► Special Acknowledgement for our Partners & Supporters

##### **SBHC Lead Agencies**

YMCA of the East Bay  
Bay Area Community Resources  
Contra Costa Health Services

##### **Community Partners**

Supervisor John Gioia  
California School-Based Health Alliance  
Kaiser Permanente  
The California Endowment

#### ► Contact for more Information about WCCUSD SBHCs

Elizabeth Carmody  
Director of Community Engagement  
[elizabeth.carmody@wccusd.net](mailto:elizabeth.carmody@wccusd.net)

Tashaka Merriweather  
Health Services Coordinator  
[tmerriweather@wccusd.net](mailto:tmerriweather@wccusd.net)