School-based health and wellness centers (SBHCs) are an innovative way to help ensure that children and youth have access to health care and do well in school. They are located on or very near school campuses and offer services in a place that is familiar, trusted, age-appropriate, and convenient for students and families. SBHCs are supported by many different communities because they respond to local needs. In 2000, there were 108 SBHCs; today, there are 346 and growing!

328,000 students have access to high-quality health services

53% of SBHCs serve broader community

How SBHCs Are Financed

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

Services Provided by SBHCs

- Mental Health 77%
- Medical 67%
- Youth Engagement 62%
- Dental Prevention 49%
- Reproductive Health 48%
- Dental Treatment 29%

School Levels Served

- High School 45%
- Elementary School 19%
- Middle School 14%
- Mobile/School-linked 12%
- Multiple grade levels served 10%

Who Operates SBHCs

- Federally Qualified Health Centers 50%
- School Districts 28%
- Other (e.g. Hospital, Health Dept.) 22%
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