

School-Based Health Centers: A Blue Print for Healthy Learners

Data from 2001-02 School-Based Health Center Census

School-based health centers (SBHCs) provide on-site medical and mental health services that promote the health and educational success of school-aged children and adolescents.

Services are provided by a community health organization, in partnership with the school, and through a collaborative planning process that includes families and students, communities, school districts, and individual and agency health care providers.

Services typically offered in SBHCs are age-appropriate and address the most important health needs of children and youth.

There are approximately 1500 SBHCs across the country supported by local, state, and federal public health and primary care grants, community foundations, and reimbursement from public and private health insurance.

The following data, drawn from a national survey of more than 1100 SBHCs, illustrate their operations, staffing and services.

