

School-Based Health Centers...

Attend to Unmet NEEDS

- Are where the kids are, providing healthcare when they want it, where they need it
- Are an essential complement to the health-care system
- Are a safe place for children and adolescents to talk about troubling issues, whether suicide, grief, depression, illness, school failure, or peer relationships
- Provide health promotion to keep kids drug-free and physically fit
- Screen and treat for a variety of health threats, including diabetes, vision and hearing loss, depression, and substance use
- Help to control and prevent diseases, such as tuberculosis, asthma, hepatitis B, and strep throat
- Help to prevent reproductive diseases, including cancer, STD, and HIV infection

Reduce Barriers to LEARNING

- Help to keep students in school, foster school success, and reduce failure
- Provide counseling and support to students experiencing family and community stress, whether violence, transience, or chronic illness
- Identify students at risk for violence and substance abuse and intervene early to promote a safe and secure environment
- Respond in times of school-wide crisis to the needs of students, staff, and parents
- Assist in reducing need for special education services

Support FAMILIES

- Help families to keep their children healthy
- Value parental involvement in their children's healthcare
- Help families reinforce a safe and nurturing environment for their children
- Keep parents in the work place
- Strengthen the connection between school and the family
- Provide opportunities for the family to get needed services
- Teach families to be better healthcare consumers
- Heighten awareness of access and eligibility to services supportive of the family

Represent Wise INVESTMENTS

- Help to keep children out of higher-cost healthcare options
- Detect illness to prevent expensive emergency interventions
- Educate students to become good consumers of healthcare, utilizing the least expensive form of intervention appropriate to the situation
- Reduce parental work leave time by enabling parents to use leave time only when the child's healthcare need extends beyond the capability of the SBHC
- Track population health trends to enable early interventions and prevent costly downstream responses