

OREGON SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

2008 Fact Sheet

The Challenge

The Benefit

In Oregon, 12% or 110,000 children are uninsured.

- Recognized as part of the Safety Net system caring for those who are without insurance or are under-insured.
 - 45 School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs)
 - Currently in 19 counties
 - 18 additional centers are in the Planning stages of opening and becoming certified SBHCs during Spring 2009
- Estimated \$1,142,000 in health care services delivered to uninsured students in Oregon (SY 2006-2007).

68% of surveyed SBHC clients reported they would not have received health services that day without the center.

- Served nearly 21,000 students with over 69,000 visits.
- Keeps parents from missing work to take students to health care services.
- Provide easily accessible physical, mental, and preventive health services.

1 in 4 adolescents are at risk for adverse health outcomes such as teen pregnancies, suicide, and substance abuse.

- Reinforces health promotion messages provided in school.
- Surveyed students reported their overall health was better due to their use of the SBHC.
- Developmentally appropriate care is provided by qualified health professionals: nurse practitioners, physician assistants, registered nurses, and mental health counselors.

Student health status impacts educational outcomes.

- Loss of class time is reduced as reported by surveyed clinic users.
 - 53% reported they did not miss a class while using the center services.
 - 68% estimated they would miss one class or more if they had to go to a traditional clinic.

Health care is expensive.

- Value of services provided far exceeds the state dollars spent.
- \$3-4 additional dollars are leveraged through local public-private partnerships for every \$1 of State General Fund invested.
- Recognized by state and local insurance companies as an important and effective piece of healthcare delivery.

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● Attend to Unmet Needs ● Reduce Barriers to Learning ● Support Families ● Represent Wise Investments