

School Based Health Centers: New Mexico's Return on Investment

Every dollar spent on SBHCs returns **\$7.01** to New Mexico!

SBHCs work for NM Communities

A preliminary study of a fraction of the adolescents served by SBHCs in 2012-2013 demonstrated that paying for clinics in schools saves money. A follow up analysis of school based health centers in 2013-2014 reveals that the return on investment remains high and validates that the data is consistent.

The 2013-2014 study showed that the **\$3.1 million** spent by the state on school based health care resulted in a return on investment of **\$22.3 million**.

These outcomes are related to:

- **Better health for NM Youth (e.g. fewer hospitalizations for asthma);**
- **More productivity for parents/families (fewer lost work hours taking children to healthcare appointments);**
- **Increased academic success (less absenteeism and lower dropout rate).**

"An analysis of school-based health care administered to 14,777 students in New Mexico in the school year 2013 – 2014 yields a return of \$7.01 for every dollar expended."

-Ginn & Associates Study with collaboration from the Office of School and Adolescent Health and Apex Education

School Based Health Centers are a smart investment for a healthier future for New Mexico

More funding for SBHCs means more savings for New Mexico

Projected Savings and Value from Care Provided at SBHCs

- Annual net hospitalization savings of **\$141,237** for asthmatic students
- Annual net savings of **\$1,028,449** from early detection/treatment of gonorrhea and chlamydia
- Annual net savings of **\$744,831** due to a projected decrease in prescription drug costs
- Annual net savings of **\$135,767** from reduced incidences of flu due to SBHC immunizations
- Annual net savings of **\$9,548** from application of dental sealants
- Annual savings of **\$696,276** from avoidance of parents' productivity losses (i.e., time off work)
- Lifetime net savings of **\$3,190,591** due to behavioral health services
- Lifetime net savings of **\$397,549** due to routine adolescent immunizations provided at SBHCs
- Net present value of **\$13,587,515** for lifetime incremental tax revenues generated by a higher number of high school graduates in schools served by SBHCs