

NEW MEXICO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

School-based health centers offer a variety of services including primary health care, preventive health care, treatment of minor, acute and chronic conditions, mental health care, substance use disorder, crisis intervention and referrals for additional treatment including inpatient care, specialty care, emergency psychiatric care, oral health care and vision health care services.

59%
of all visits to SBHCs
are for primary care

“ SBHCs are a
cornerstone of medical
and behavioral health
in all communities and
for the Medicaid
service system
SBHC Partner ”

If not for SBHCs...

25%
of patients would
have gone to
urgent care or an
emergency room

12%
would have forgone
receiving needed
health services

INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

“ It has been very helpful
having the SBHC located on
school grounds. It is easy
access for staff and patients
only miss 15-30 minutes of
class time instead of a full day
to be seen by an outside
provider.
SBHC Staff ”



Over 90% of SBHCs
are located in Health Provider
Shortage Areas for primary care
and/or behavioral health care

“ We provide care to students and families who
would not have primary or behavioral
healthcare otherwise. We fill a large need.
SBHC Staff ”

HELP FAMILIES THRIVE



“ I am so grateful that my child has access to the same
services I did 20 years ago. My senior year was a
particularly difficult time for me and I was in desperate
need to talk about what I was going through. If I had not
received that support or had access to counseling, who
knows where I would be today.
Southeast NM Parent ”

“ It is a blessing to have our SBHC, and when one of our
kids has been sick, the convenience of getting medicines
at the clinic and not having to drive two hours to pick up
a medicine at a pharmacy, is really great.
Southwest NM Parent ”

ADDRESS STUDENT HEALTH NEEDS

“ I identified a heart condition in a teen and referred her to a cardiologist, preventing a possible tragedy on the sporting field.”
SBHC Provider

35%
of all SBHC
visits are for
mental health

“ SBHCs make a huge difference for me and my peers; whether that be from getting a sports physical or a welfare check they are apart of our everyday lives. A school without SBHCs is unimaginable for me!”
YAG Member



STRENGTHEN THE HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE



“ As a SBHC healthcare professional, I hope to inspire students by serving as a role model for those interested in healthcare careers”
SBHC BH Provider

“ I work in a SBHC and plan to build my career remaining in school-based health clinics as a new physician”
SBHC Primary Care Provider

SBHCs from La Clinica del Norte and El Pueblo are currently working with the national School-Based Health Alliance and state partners participating in a pilot grant project. CHWs and care coordinators leverage SBHC services and relationships to link students and families to community resources, addressing social determinants of health.

SUPPORT COMMUNITIES

Over 50% of SBHCs are located on a Community School campus

“ We provide services to both students and the surrounding communities. We are both a SBHC and a Primary Care clinic. By providing services to students, they miss less class time and parents don't have to miss work to bring them in. Because we are able to see community patients, we can also see the parents and families of students, helping them stay healthy and providing services for the entire home.”

Albuquerque Metro SBHC Sponsor



“ The School-Based Health Center is a very important part of our rural community. Without their services it would be impossible for our children to be seen. We would need to travel 85 miles to Grants or 108 miles to Socorro to see a doctor. The Providers and staff treat our children as if they were their own. The SBHC is situated next door to the school and makes it convenient for my grandchildren to be seen on the days open for the kids. We hope that we can continue to rely on this integral part of our childrens' health needs.”
Southwest NM Grandparent