



Oregon School-Based Health Alliance

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Background

In 2011- 2012, 20 sites in 12 counties received federal capital grants for SBHCs averaging \$370,000.

Continued Need

- Oregon Health Authority survey of 26 local public health authorities
- 20 counties expressed interest in developing up to 25 new SBHCs but capital construction costs surfaced as a challenge.

“We’d done a pretty thorough community engagement process [to develop our SBHC], but it took us a long time to get the capital dollars. I mean, I think it actually took us five years from the point of our last community engagement.”

—Local Public Health Authority Representative

\$4 million will allow for 10-12 communities to receive grants.

Why SBHCs?



Accessible pediatric practices located on school grounds, where kids are.

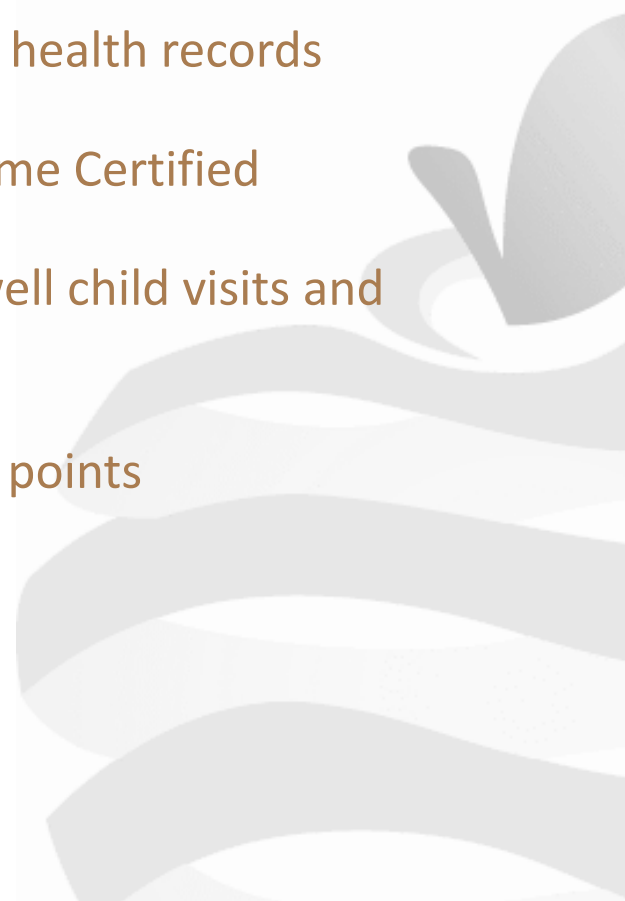
Public health model and as such they provide integrated care that includes preventive, primary care, mental health care, and sometimes dental.

Cost Effective: leveraging an additional \$2.40 of every state dollar invested from billing, grants, and other sources.

Healthcare Reform

Actively working to build partnerships with coordinated care organizations and to improve their systems.

- 94% of school based health centers have electronic health records
- 49% of them are Patient-centered Primary Care Home Certified
- Help CCOs meet state metrics such as adolescent well child visits and depression screenings
- Effective access points - sometimes the only access points
- Reduce ER visits and improve health outcomes





Education Reform

- SBHCs improve educational attainment
- Students in states with SBHCs that serve as Medicaid providers have greater academic achievement than states without them
- An OHA report states that for every avoided high school dropout the state of Oregon will save around 14,000 dollars in Medicaid and uninsured costs over the course of a student's lifetime.
- Typically no expense to school other than the cost of the space.
- Jackson County: each day a student visits the health center (K-6th grade) for a medical reason rather than missing school they received a return on investment of \$221,000 based on \$37/student/day and 5973 visits.

Making a Difference



"I've tried working with other counselors outside of the school, but I didn't have a great experience. Honestly, the SBHC is a lot better for me. It's a really safe place. The help I've gotten through the SBHC makes me feel like a huge weight has been released from me. I'm a lot more ready to start my life and feel like I'm able to get through."

~C.C.J., Pendleton High School Sophomore