



2012 Status Update: **Fact Sheet**

Improving the Health of Oregon's Children Where They Live, Learn and Play

Oregon's School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) offer a patient-centered health care model in a school setting where comprehensive physical, mental and preventive health services are provided to youth and adolescents, regardless of their ability to pay. SBHCs are located on school grounds, and are open and operating when kids are in school. Some centers act as community hubs, serving populations beyond their student populations.

SBHCs ...

- ✓ Improve access to affordable, quality physical, mental and preventive health services.
- ✓ See children and adolescents who otherwise would not receive care.
- ✓ Reduce high costs associated with inappropriate use of emergency rooms, unnecessary hospitalizations, and help lower Medicaid costs.
- ✓ Ensure services are developmentally appropriate.
- ✓ Save parents time by reducing missed work hours.
- ✓ Get students back to the classroom faster and ready to learn.
- ✓ Succeed through public and private partnerships (e.g., schools, health departments, community providers, hospitals).

Staffing

- ✓ All School-Based Health Centers have primary care providers on-site. Some have more than one type of provider.
 - 90 percent have nurse practitioners;
 - 8 percent have physician assistants;
 - 6 percent have medical doctors.
- ✓ Sixty-eight percent of SBHCs have, in addition to a primary care provider, other medical personnel, such as registered nurses or licensed practical nurses.
- ✓ Sixty-two percent of SBHCs have mental health staff, such as licensed clinical social workers or alcohol and drug counselors on-site.

63 SBHCs in 21 counties

- 36 in high schools
- 5 in middle schools
- 12 in elementary schools
- 10 in combined-grade campuses

More than 52,000 Oregon students have access to an SBHC in their schools.

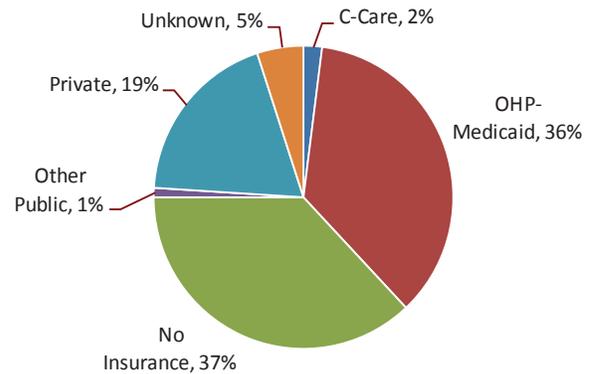
2010 – 2011 SBHC Services

SBHCs offer a range of primary care, preventive and mental health services, such as well-child exams, immunizations, acute care, mental health counseling, and vision and dental screenings.

Oregon SBHCs served 22,421 clients in 68,021 visits

- ✓ Female clients represented 57 percent of clients and 63 percent of visits.
- ✓ SBHCs conducted 5,523 comprehensive physical exams.
- ✓ SBHCs had 6,295 visits where immunizations were administered.
- ✓ Thirty-nine percent of clients reported they were uninsured at first visit.
- ✓ Ninety-five percent of SBHCs bill third-party payors.

Percent of SBHC Visits by Payor Type



Private/Public Partnerships

Oregon's SBHCs are operated by a number of agencies including: county health departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, rural health clinics, hospitals, private medical practices, and university medical centers.

- Thirty-eight of the 63 SBHCs (60%) are operated by Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC).
- Thirty-nine of the 63 SBHCs (62%) are operated by local public health departments, 21 of which have FQHC status.

Health Information Technology (HIT)

More of Oregon's School-Based Health Centers are aligning with health care reform through the adoption of Health Information Technology:

- Seventy-five percent already use electronic health records.
- Eighty-five percent already use electronic billing systems.
- The SBHC State Program Office is conducting a pilot project to assess the use of technology for survey collection and health messaging to students.
- The development of a health assessment within a patient's electronic health record now allows the SBHCs to electronically track a patient's risk factors and positive assets over time.



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