

NEW MEXICO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

School-based health centers can provide 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

"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

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

"I took my child to another hospital before and had to wait a couple of hours. I was recommended to the clinic. My child was seen right away. The staff was very accommodating and friendly. I am so glad the Gallup Teen Health Center is here for my child."
 Northwest NM Parent

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

PREVENT NEGATIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES

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

68%
 of primary care visits are for acute care

"Our Pediatric Nurse Practitioner identified that a student likely had scoliosis when she came in for a sports physical; her mother was able to get her to Carrie Tingley Hospital for specialty care as a result."
 SBHC Coordinator in Northern NM

HELP FAMILIES THRIVE



"We are a rural community and most families lack resources. Our SBHC allows easy access to healthcare for families."

SBHC Staff

"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

35%

of all SBHC visits are for mental health.

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

SBHC Provider

89%

of patients reported they got what they needed from the SBHC provider in regard to talking about suicide

SUPPORT COMMUNITIES

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



"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 children's' health needs."

Southwest NM Grandparent