School-based health centers (SBHCs) are an innovative way to help ensure that children and youth have access to health care and do well in school. They are located on or very near school campuses and offer services in a place that is familiar, trusted, age-appropriate, and convenient for students and families. SBHCs are supported by many different communities because they respond to local needs. In 2000, there were 108 SBHCs; today, there are 268 and growing!

267,000 students have access to SBHCs & high-quality health services

83% of SBHCs serve broader community

17% of SBHCs serve students only

How SBHCs Are Financed

- Reimbursement through Medi-Cal, health plans, Family PACT, Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP), and contracts for mental health services
- School district contributions and in-kind support of space, nurses, utilities, and custodial services
- Sponsoring agency contributions or subsidies
- Government and private grants

School Levels Served

- Elementary School 26%
- Middle School 11%
- Mobile/School-linked 16%
- High School 47%

Who Operates SBHCs

- Community Health Centers 55%
- School Districts 29%
- Other (eg. Hospital, Health Dept.) 16%
268
SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS AND GROWING

Alameda=30
Contra Costa=15
Del Norte=1
Fresno=13

Humboldt=3
Inyo=1
Kern=3
Lake=1
Los Angeles=75
Madera=2
Marin=2
Merced=1
Monterey=2
Napa=4
Orange=9
Riverside=7
Sacramento=2
San Bernardino=7
San Diego=16
San Francisco=20
San Luis Obispo=2
San Mateo=2
Santa Barbara=1
Santa Clara=15
Santa Cruz=7
Shasta=1
Solano=3
Sonoma=4
Stanislaus=4
Tulare=6
Ventura=2
Yolo=1

SBHCs per county

1-4
5-10
11-19
20-75