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\$14.3 Million Awarded to School Health Centers in California

(Oakland, CA) - A total of \$14.34 million in federal funding was awarded to 31 school-based health centers (SBHCs) across California this week. Made available through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and announced by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the funds are the third and final round of more than \$189 million in grants that have been awarded to 520 SBHCs nationally since 2011. There are 200 SBHCs in California serving more than 205,000 children, with at least 40 centers in the works.

In California, 70 SBHC grants totaling more than \$30 million have been awarded since 2011 – the most of any state – in an effort to improve access to primary, mental, and oral health care for school-aged children. The three rounds of funding mark the first federal investment directed solely to SBHCs, with grants being used to establish new sites or upgrade existing facilities. Data show that SBHCs help decrease absenteeism, reduce unnecessary and costly emergency room visits, and ensure quality and cost-effective care for children and adolescents.

“School-based health centers are redefining the way we think about health care for kids and teens,” said Serena Clayton, Executive Director of the California School Health Centers Association (CSHC). “Health means getting kids preventive care, keeping them in school, and keeping them out of emergency rooms, jails, and unemployment lines. These grants take a bold step forward in reaching more kids. We hope the government will follow through with additional funding for staffing to make these clinics sustainable investments.”

Congress has yet to make available \$50 million in operations funding nationally that would go to help staff SBHCs with nursing practitioners, mental health providers, administrators, and more. CSHC is working with the National Assembly of School-Based Health Centers (NASBHC) to urge inclusion of these funds in the President’s forthcoming budget.

SBHCs provide the same high-quality primary health care available in doctors' offices or clinics. In addition, because of their location on a school campus, SBHCs are able to offer expanded preventive services such as health education, nutrition and physical activity, violence and bullying prevention, and leadership opportunities for youth to build career skills. At least 70% of students served by California’s SBHCs receive free and reduced price school meals.

The California School Health Centers Association (CSHC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the health and academic success of children and youth by advocating for policies and funding to expand and improve SBHCs in California. Learn more at www.schoolhealthcenters.org.

See the table on the next page for a list of clinics that were funded across the state.

Grants were awarded to the following California SBHCs:

Clinic	City	Amount
Alameda Family Services	Alameda	\$412,200
Clinica Sierra Vista	Bakersfield	\$360,000
Family Health Care Centers of Greater Los Angeles	Bell Gardens	\$500,000
Lifelong Medical Care, Inc.	Berkeley	\$500,000
Borrego Community Health Foundation	Borrego Springs	\$497,600
Altamed Health Services Corporation	Commerce	\$428,346
Fresno Unified School District	Fresno	\$277,407
Children's Clinic Serving Children and their Families	Long Beach	\$500,000
St. John's Well Child and Family Center, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$500,000
Los Angeles Unified School District	Los Angeles	\$300,000
JWCH Institute, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$486,720
County of Contra Costa	Martinez	\$500,000
Community Health Centers of the Central Coast, Inc.	Nipomo	\$500,000
Mission City Community Network, Inc.	North Hills	\$500,000
Children's Hospital and Research Center	Oakland	\$500,000
Fred Finch Children's Home, Inc.	Oakland	\$500,000
United Health Centers of the San Joaquin Valley	Parlier	\$425,585
Petaluma Health Center, Inc.	Petaluma	\$500,000
Rowland Unified School District	Rowland Heights	\$500,000
Effort, Inc.	Sacramento	\$500,000
La Maestra Family Clinic, Inc.	San Diego	\$426,525
Family Health Centers of San Diego, Inc.	San Diego	\$500,000
San Leandro Unified School District	San Leandro	\$500,000
Health Mobile	Santa Clara	\$500,000
Southwest Community Health Center	Santa Rosa	\$458,807
Providence Little Company of Mary Foundation	Torrance	\$413,489
Tulare Community Health Clinic	Tulare	\$481,000
Tulare Local Health Care District	Tulare	\$500,000
Salud para la Gente	Watsonville	\$500,000
East Valley Community Health Center, Inc.	West Covina	\$500,000
MMC for Children and Families	West Sacramento	\$376,774
TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING		\$14,344,453

Editor's Note: CSHC can provide contact information for several of the sites in addition to youth, parents, and school administrators who are impacted by the funding. For more information, contact CSHC's Communications Associate, Marcel Reynolds at 510-268-1031 or mreynolds@schoolhealthcenters.org.

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