

# An Update From the Central Valley Coalition for School Health

## How Well Is Your School-Based Health Center Serving Students?

The number of school-based health centers is growing, but with that growth comes a wide variation in practices – including varying degrees of connectedness to host schools. Are you delivering a level of access to care, prevention, and individualized support that makes a unique contribution to children’s health and educational outcomes? Find out at [www.schoolhealthcenters.org/sbhc-best-practices-checklist/](http://www.schoolhealthcenters.org/sbhc-best-practices-checklist/).

## Join Us in San Diego April 30-May 1

Please consider attending our 2015 school health conference April 30-May 1 at the beachside Bahia Resort in San Diego. Remember that members of our organization receive a discount on our conference in addition to access to valuable resources and technical assistance.

### Don't Miss Our Next Meeting

**What:** School Health Coalition Meeting

**When:** Friday, Feb. 6, 2015: 10am-Noon

**Where:** Fresno County Office of Education

## Policy Updates

Under our new strategic plan, we will be focusing our state policy toward advocating for health care financing for the key elements of the school-based health model that are not currently reimbursed. We are working to ensure that SBHCs are included in the innovative payment models focusing on prevention and improving the quality of care while reducing costs. To help us think about this we will be looking to the SBHC field for feedback on these policy considerations. For example:

- How are SBHCs using community health workers, promotoras, and/or health educators?
- What types of "preventive services" are SBHCs doing (beyond 1:1 patient screenings)?
- How are they billing for or funding these services?

**Contact Lisa White ([lwhite@schoolhealthcenters.org](mailto:lwhite@schoolhealthcenters.org)) at 510-268-6021 to share your feedback!**

## Covered CA & the ALL IN for Health Campaign for Schools

We are core partners in the ALL IN for Health Campaign that helps schools connect kids and families to health coverage. We have tools and strategies to help you get the word out to families in the Central Valley about the next open enrollment period. **Contact Marcel Reynolds ([mreynolds@schoolhealthcenters.org](mailto:mreynolds@schoolhealthcenters.org)) at 510-268-1031 to learn more.**

## Creating Mental Health Referral Systems in Schools

We can help you with best practices for mental health services at schools, including coordination among school and community-based providers; integration with school climate improvement efforts; and establishment of effective interventions and referral systems. For consultation about integrating mental health services in your school or school-based health center, **contact Alicia Rozum, ([arozum@schoolhealthcenters.org](mailto:arozum@schoolhealthcenters.org)) Project Director, Mental Health at 510-268-1030.**

## SBHC Startup Projects / Partnerships & Collaboration

The SBHC stakeholders’ first collaborative effort should be to develop a mutual understanding of their shared work. Check out these resources for best practices: “Create a Blueprint for Collaboration”; Areas of Intersection, Guiding Questions, Letter of Agreement, Sample Roles and Responsibilities, and Consent and Confidentiality; Starting an SBHC webpage and materials for educators and health providers.