

# Introducing School-Based Health Services

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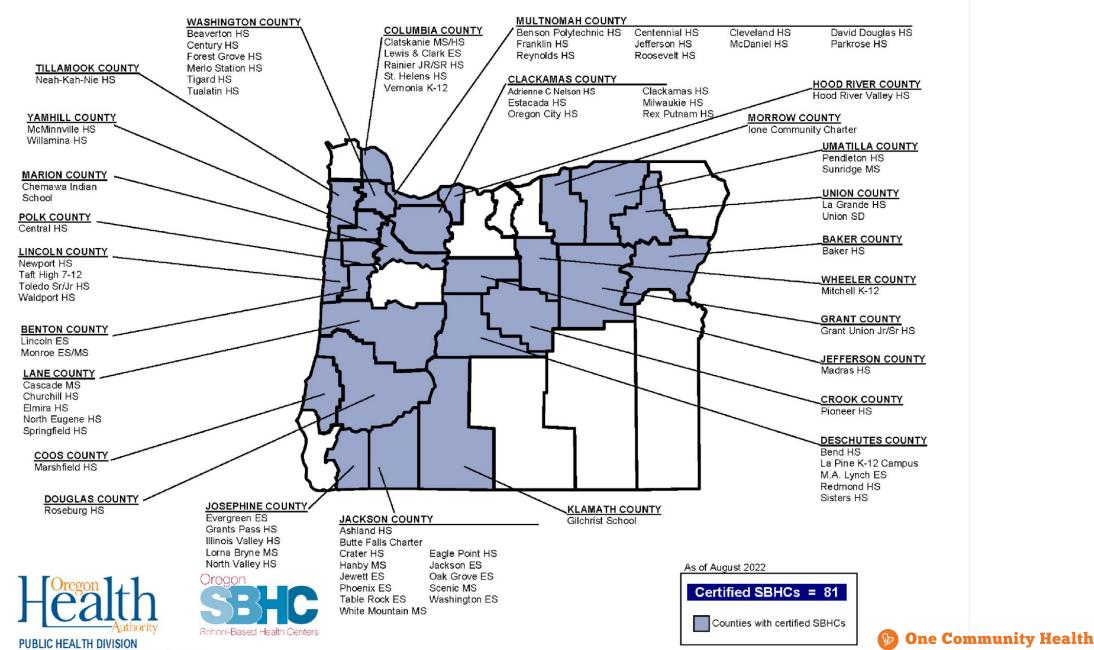
### School-Based Health Services

A community and school district resource endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics





#### **OREGON SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS 2022**



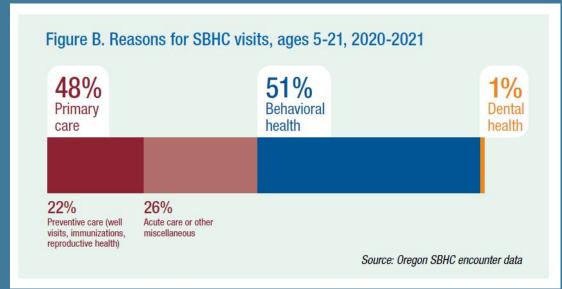
School-Based Health Center Program

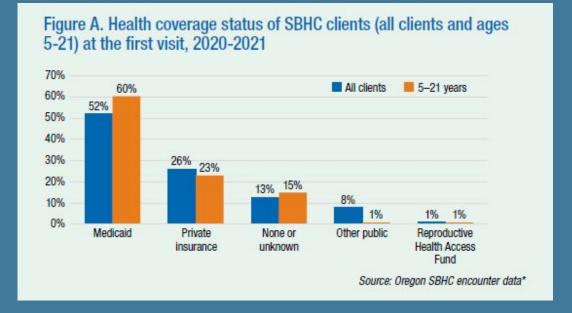


### SBHC in Oregon Facts (AY 2020-2021)

### • In Oregon:

- 17,134 school-aged youth received care via a SBHC
- A total of 56,013 visits at SBHCs
  - Averaging 3 visits per student/year
- Reasons for SBHC visits among school-aged youth:
  - 48% for primary care services
  - 51% for behavioral health
  - 1% for dental health
- 60% of school-aged youth had Medicaid coverage at the first visit







# Mental and Behavioral Health in SBHCs (AY 2020-2021)

- 95% of SBHCs have a behavioral/mental health care provider
- On average, behavioral health clients accessed an SBHC for behavioral health visits eight times a year
- 24% of school-aged behavioral health clients also received a preventative well visit at the SBHC



# School-Based Health Centers Reduce Barriers









Limited access

Cost

Transportation

**Absenteeism** 

"A student I work with was sick and having difficulty establishing care with a provider. I referred the student to the SBHC and they received a diagnosis and began a much-needed treatment plan."

- Jenni Zuniga, HRCSD School RN

"I have referred parents who are having trouble getting in to see their children's providers for urgent needs, too, and they were able to receive **prompt care** for their children."

-Sarah Brennan, School RN and parent



### **Healthy Students & Healthy Communities**

**Improving Outcomes** 

**Creating Safer Communities** 

**Helping Make Informed Decisions** 

School based health services are associated with improved educational and health-related outcomes (i.e., improved GPA, improved absenteeism rates, asthma morbidity, and reliable contraceptive use, etc.)

ALL kids - not just the students who access services - **are safer** in environments where every student's mental and physical health can be addressed by a health professional.

Students are encouraged to make decisions about their health that aligns with their own and their family's values.

Conversations between patient and guardian are encouraged. Transparency about available services is imperative for community trust while balancing state and federal laws regarding consent and privacy.



## **Questions & Discussion**

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