



## Who are we?

We are the operators, collaborators, and supporters of School-Based Health Centers in Arizona. We represent organizations that provide basic primary health services at more than 80 school sites throughout Arizona. The Council is a tax-exempt 501 (c)3 non-profit organization incorporated in Arizona.

## What is our purpose?

The Council promotes the expansion and improvement of health care services in schools for student success. We value collaboration with parents, teachers, and health and social service professionals. The Arizona Department of Health Services recognizes the Council as the State's planning and coordination entity for school-based health care.

## What services are provided by School-Based Health Centers?

School-based health centers provide primary health care services such as treatment for acute conditions like sore throats and earaches, chronic disease management like asthma, and preventative services like immunizations, physical examinations and health education. The conditions most frequently treated are ear and upper respiratory infections and asthma. Centers are staffed by nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and/or physicians who work in partnership with school nurses, teachers, and other school staff members. Most centers are open several days per week during school hours.

## Service Locations, Funding, & Client Characteristics

Most SBHCs are located in urban, middle schools. 70% are located in urban areas. During the 2007-2008, school year services were provided to more than 30,000 youth.

Funding is provided by hospitals and hospital foundations, public entities (Primary Care Service-ADHS, County Health Departments,

federal government), and from private foundations (APS, St. Luke's Health Initiatives, Flinn Foundation).

Over 82% of the children who use SBHC services are uninsured, Arizona residents. Students receive services free or are charged on an ability to pay, sliding discount basis.

## Arizona SBHC Facts

### SBHCs by Grade Category

Elementary	14%
High School	7%
Combination	79%

### SBHCs by Sponsor Type

Hospital/Medical Center	62%
Community Health Center	21%
Private Nonprofit Organization	13%
School System	4%

### SBHCs by Community Type

Urban	70%
Suburban	28%
Rural	2%

## Mission

### Education

Educate the public about health status of children and significant role played by school-based health centers (SBHCs).

### Advocacy

Advocate on local, state and national level to improve quality of care, health of children and secure funding for school-based health centers.

### Professional Development

Provide trainings, discussion, forums, information sharing, collaborative initiatives. Provide center staff and other members with knowledge and skills to strengthen services provided.

### Networking

Facilitate collaboration with schools, public agencies, community organizations to enrich SBHCs by sharing ideas and providing avenues for problem solving.

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