

2011 State Legislative Priorities

The School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan supports a network of over 100 school-based/linked health centers and health education programs across Michigan. On their behalf, SCHA-MI will advocate for:

- Sustainability: As in the past, we will continue to advocate for retention of our current appropriation within the K-12 budget and Medicaid Match waiver. Both are essential funding mechanisms to our viability.
- Recognition of Care Model: We will continue to support policies that advance recognition of our care model and the providers who practice within them.
- Policies Impacting Centers & Youth: We will actively monitor and advocate for legislation that impacts our centers, programs and the youth we all serve.



The School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan (SCHA-MI) is a nonprofit organization supporting a network of over 100 school-based and school-linked health centers and health education programs across Michigan. The centers annually serve over 200,000 children providing over 300,000 health encounters/services. The centers are located in communities where the majority of children lack access to consistent, primary health care and as a result are at-risk of chronic health conditions and school failure.

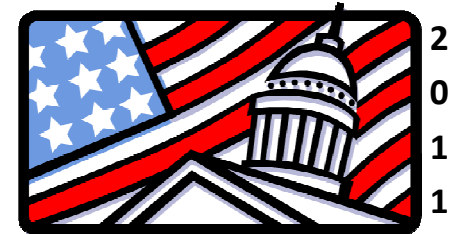


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Working together to build a healthy future!

Advocacy Day



March 24, 2011

Mackinac Room

House Office Building

Lansing, Michigan



Healthy Kids Are Better Learners!

Dear SCHA-MI Friends,

The School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan is honored to support a network of school-based health centers to demonstrate their value and effectiveness in overall adolescent well-being and their community's health.

School-based and linked health centers (SBHCs), often referred to as **Child and Adolescent Health Centers (CAHCs)** as referenced in Michigan legislation, bring access to health care right where the students are at: school.

CAHCs have shown to improve educational outcomes, but are also a cost-effective, evidenced-based model for providing health care to students.

Specifically, CAHC's:

- Strengthen school performance by keeping kids in the classroom, allowing teachers to do what they do best—teach!
- Are nationally recognized for providing effective, efficient, and appropriate health care services to adolescents;
- Are proven to overcome barriers to care for underserved youth, and reduce costs, like hospitalizations and ER visits;
- Effectively address public health issues by providing health education and services that address teen pregnancy, HIV, violence, substance abuse, obesity, and more;
- Reduce health care access disparities for low-income and minority children and adolescents;
- Support families by reducing parents' time off of work associated with health care visits; and,
- Improve student health and behaviors regardless of whether a student utilizes the center—just by being present.

SCHA-MI members are pleased to offer you the opportunity to visit a center to help you better understand what SBHCs are and how they serve your community.

Together for health!

Michele Strasz, Executive Director



2011 Talking Points

Access

- Child and Adolescent Health Centers (CAHCs) reduce structural barriers to students accessing health care by providing a convenient and familiar setting within the school or local community.
- CAHCs are located in communities with a large population of Medicaid eligible children, but medically underserved area.
- CAHCs offer community-based outreach enabling eligible families to receive assistance with insurance enrollment.
- CAHCs collaborate with educators and school districts to establish access to comprehensive health care in schools to create healthy learning environments for students.



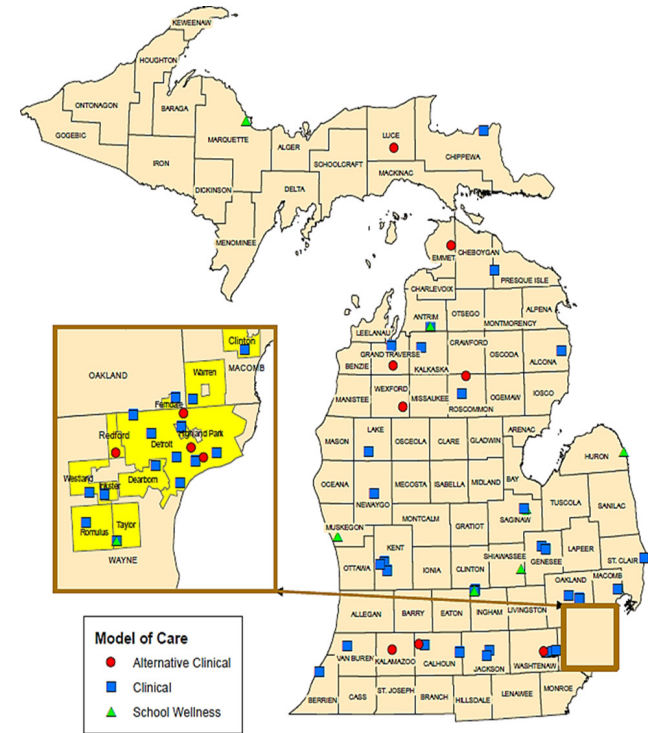
Quality

- CAHCs provide evidence-based acute and preventive care, including health, mental health and dental care, and link to a medical home for at risk youth.
- CAHCs conduct assessment and screening to develop care plans for individual children and targeted interventions to address the specific needs of the student population.
- CAHCs support educators to manage psychosocial and behavioral issues that prevent students from achieving their full academic potential.

Cost

- State appropriations for CAHCs are used to draw down a 2:1 federal aid match that maximizes funding available for service provision.
- Local support for CAHCs provides matching resources and ensures local investment in the health and educational outcomes of students served.
- CAHCs provide health education and early intervention to promotion healthy lifestyle choices and improve health literacy.

Child and Adolescent Health Centers (State-funded SBHCs)



Quick Facts

71 Number of State-Funded Centers & Programs

Over 30 Number of Counties Served

Over 200,000 Number of Children & Adolescents Served Each Year

2:1 Federal Match Drawn Down from State Appropriation

\$11.2 million Generated from In-Kind for CAHC Program