

## What is school-based health?

School-based health care is a powerful investment in the health and academic potential of children and adolescents. This model delivers convenient, accessible, and wide-ranging primary and mental health care services to students where they already spend most of their time: **in school**.<sup>1</sup>

## How do school-based health programs work?

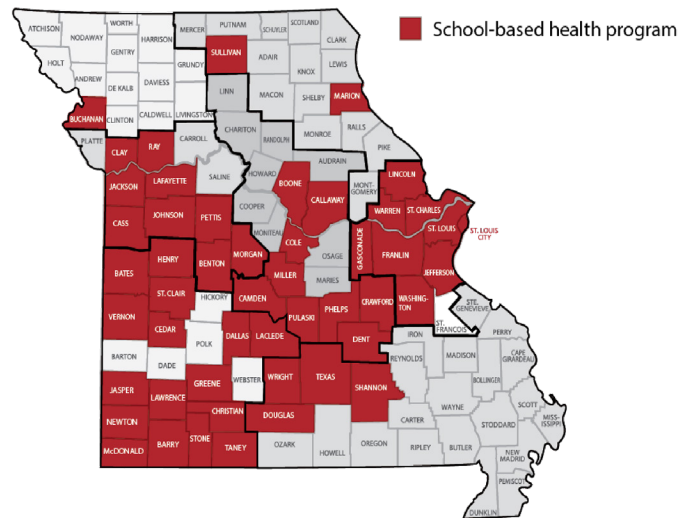
Schools can partner with a health care provider in their community or sponsor a program on their own. Providers can include community health centers (federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics), hospitals, local health departments, non-profits, universities or mental health agencies. Providers deliver health services and receive reimbursement for services provided through public and private insurance.

## How do students benefit from school-based health?

School-based health programs provide a variety of services to students who may not otherwise be able to access the health care they need. These include:

- Well-care
- Sick visits
- Immunizations
- Oral health
- Disease prevention
- Health education
- Chronic disease management
- Behavioral health counseling

## School-Based Health in Missouri Counties



## How does Missouri benefit from school-based health?

- Improved student attendance and academic performance
- Efficient and effective delivery of health care to children and families
- School-based health services can be made available to the general public in the community
- Potential to yield cost savings to the state's Medicaid program

## Who is the Show-Me School-Based Health Alliance?

MO-SBHA is the emerging statewide affiliate of the national School-Based Health Alliance established to improve the health of children and youth by advancing and advocating for school-based health care. We share the national School Based Health Alliance's vision that all children and adolescents are healthy and achieving at their fullest potential.

### Our Mission:

We support communities in building and sustaining quality school-based health programs.

### Our Vision:

Every child and youth in Missouri has an equal opportunity to succeed by assuring access to high quality healthcare.

### Our Values:

- Access
- Collaboration
- Equity
- Inclusiveness
- Innovations
- Outcomes Driven
- Student-centered decision-making and practices
- Sustainability

### 2019 Policy Priorities

#### MO HealthNet reimbursement for services provided by Community Health Workers

- Community Health Workers provide services, such as care coordination, health education and teacher consultation, that help Missouri kids get and stay healthy.

#### Ensuring youth that are homeless can easily access needed health services

- Missouri youth that are homeless must currently obtain consent from a parent or guardian, many of which are unable to obtain, before they can access medical services.
- Allowing such youth to provide medical consent for themselves will allow them to get the medical care they need.

