



## What Is a School Based Health Center?

A school-based health center (SBHC) provides medical, dental, and mental health services in school or on school grounds. SBHCs serve students from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade regardless of income or insurance status.

## SBHC Services Include (Varies by Site): **Mental Health** Medical **Dental** • Physicals Sealants Screenings Sick Visits Support Groups Prophylaxis Risk Assessment Immunizations • Mobile Dental • Crisis Intervention Health & Wellness Education Restorative Care Acute & Chronic Illness Individual & Family Oral Health Therapy Management Screenings

Who Works at SBHCs?		
Medical and/or Behavioral Health Director	Licensed Mental Health Counselor	
Advanced Nurse (APRN) or Physician's Assistant		Office Support Staff



## **MYTHS & FACTS**

**Myth:** School-Based Health Center (SBHC) services are only for students/families that have no insurance or Medicaid/HUSKY.

Fact: SBHCs provide services regardless of income or insurance status.

**Myth:** SBHCs replace school nurses and your primary care providers (PCP).

**Fact:** SBHC providers work with PCPs, school nurses, counselors, psychologists, social workers, and coaches to treat and resolve student health issues.

Myth: SBHC staff can provide services to any student.

**Fact:** Parents must sign the Parent Permission Form: an enrollment form, for students to receive services. All SBHCs have opt-in-only enrollment.

Myth: SBHCs share information with the school staff and peers.

**Fact:** All SBHC services are confidential. SBHCs follow both HIPAA & FERPA rules and regulations.

**Myth:** SBHCs are exclusive to metropolitan schools.

**Fact:** CT has almost 300 SBHCs (view our mapping tool). Services are available to all students at schools with SBHCs.

Myth: SBHCs impact a student's education.

**Fact:** SBHCs keep kids healthy and in school by providing high-quality health care to students where they are.

Myth: I still must pay my child's copay.

**Fact:** SBHCs rely solely on insurance reimbursements. No copays or outof-pocket costs. Services are free for students without insurance.

For more information visit www.CTSchoolHealth.org

