Expert Consulting Services
FOR YOUR SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Our purpose
The School-Based Health Alliance (SBHA) is the premier national provider of technical assistance and training to the school-based health care field. We contribute to the improvement of child and adolescent health via school-based health care by supporting and creating community and school partnerships. Our consulting team offers more than 250 years of combined experience in planning, implementing, operating, evaluating, and improving community-provided school-based health care, including school-based health centers (SBHCs).

Why school-based health centers?
School-based health centers (SBHCs) provide the nation’s vulnerable children and youth with access to primary care, behavioral health, oral health, and vision care where they spend the majority of their time — at school. Working at the intersection of health and education, SBHCs collaborate with school districts, school principals, teachers, school staff, families, and students. This collaboration, care coordination, and youth engagement results in not only improved student, school staff, and community health literacy and outcomes, but also contributes to positive educational outcomes including reduced absenteeism, decreased disciplinary actions and suspensions, and improved graduation rates. SBHCs advocate for the needs of low-income children, youth, and families, provide them with a safe haven, and serve as a protective factor that reduces poor health and education outcomes.

Research shows that SBHCs strengthen community partnerships; they benefit students, families, communities, and educators. SBHCs are associated with:

- Increasing attendance and student time spent in the classroom
- Improving student behavior and decreasing disciplinary referrals
- Increasing grade point average and test scores
- Improving school climate and learning environment
- Lowering drop-out rates and raising graduation rates

Who are our clients?
We work with teams at all stages of school-based health care program development—from clients engaging in initial conversations to identify a healthcare sponsor, to organizations with fully-operational SBHCs who need support in creating improvement plans. Our list of over 75 clients includes local, state, national, and philanthropic entities: Health Centers, school districts, hospitals, universities, emerging state affiliates, state health departments, state primary care associations, national non-governmental organizations, and foundations.

“With the training and consulting services team’s support, we grew Georgia’s number of SBHCs from two to eighty.”
- Veda Johnson, MD, Department of Pediatrics Urban Health Program at Emory University
Our services

Using proprietary school-based health care tools and resources, based on best practices from the field, we help you with training and technical assistance, partnership building, business planning, strategic planning, SBHC implementation, program assessment, implementation evaluation, quality improvement, care coordination, practice management, billing and coding, and policies and procedures.

SBHC START-UP & CAPACITY-BUILDING

For groups interested in starting school-based health care programs, we offer consulting on advisory groups, readiness assessment, business planning, sustainability, and planning grants. We also offer leadership capacity-building through individualized coaching calls and trainings.

SBHC IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT AND COACHING

For existing school-based health care programs, we offer personalized and continued support for improving partnerships, sound business practices, and high-quality practice.

SBHC STATE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

We provide coaching and technical assistance to state-level stakeholders who are interested in building coalitions and grassroots movements to support and strengthen SBHCs in their states, including those who are interested in developing state affiliate school-based health alliances.

TRAINING

We offer trainings on a variety of topics, including SBHC 101, core competencies for school-based health care, partnerships, marketing, quality improvement, sustainability, social determinants of health, and adolescent-friendly health care.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

We offer technical assistance to support integrating the youth development approach into school-based health care programs and other child and adolescent health focused programs. We help organizations create meaningful partnerships with youth throughout their programming, such as developing youth advisory councils and youth programs at conferences.

Ready to start working with us?

CONTACT US AT INFO@SBH4ALL.ORG to discuss individualized consulting options. Our team will respond to your email with a few questions to learn more about your goals and set up a call to discuss your needs and budget.

“Working with the School-Based Health Alliance was wonderful! They were responsive to the need for education in our state and fostered action among multiple school districts. We now have tools to help schools plan, implement and sustain their efforts!”

– Andrea Shipley, Senior Project Coordinator, Wyoming Telehealth Network

To learn more about SBHA and School-Based Health Centers, visit our website: www.sbh4all.org

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