

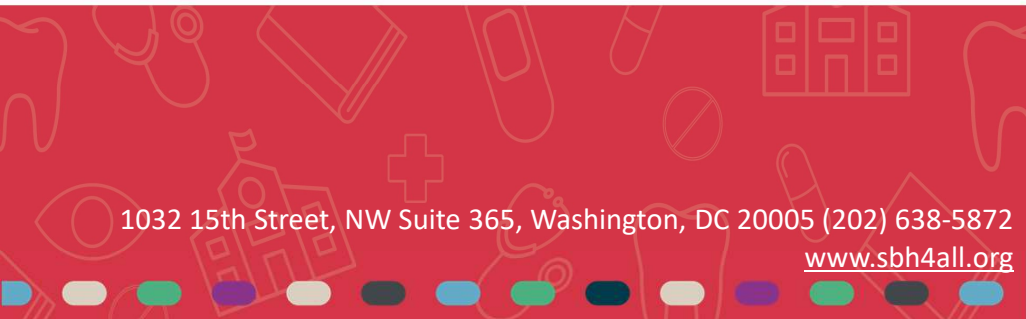


Alaska Request for Applications (RFA)

Technical Assistance & FAQ

March 29, 2024, 12-1 pm AKDT

April 2, 2024, 8-9 am AKDT



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Today's FAQ session is being recorded.



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Session Agenda



LEARN

- ✓ School-Based Health Alliance and our role in this RFA
- ✓ Alaska Department of Health and their role

✓ IDENTIFY

- ✓ Grant information

✓ FAQ

- ✓ Review of submitted questions

✓ Open Floor for questions

- ✓ Please raise your virtual hand or send a question in the chat box.
- ✓ Additional questions can be emailed to aksbhcfunding@sbh4all.org

✓ Resources

- ✓ About school-based health care





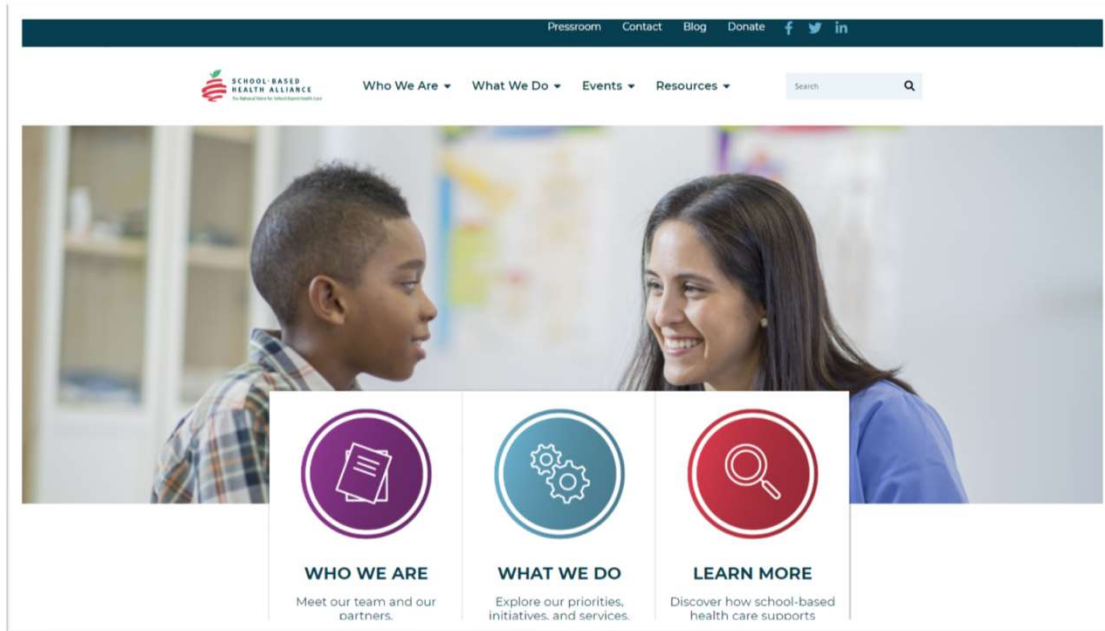
School-Based Health Alliance Transforming Health Care for Students

Our **Focus** The School-Based Health Alliance Works to Support & Grow SBHCs

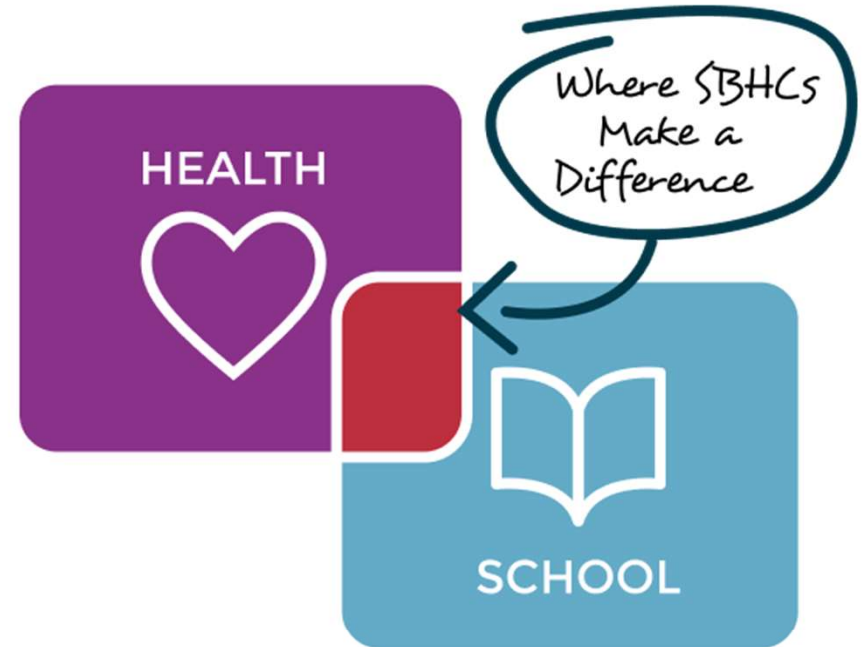
Policy	Standards	Data	Training
			
Establishes and advocates for national policy priorities	Promotes high-quality clinical practices and standards, including for telehealth	Supports data collection and reporting, evaluation, and research	Provides training, technical assistance, and consultation

We support the improvement of students' health via school-based health care by supporting and creating community and school partnerships www.sbh4all.org

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Alaska Department of Health Section of Women's Children's, and Family Health

Has contracted with the national School-Based Health Alliance to oversee the disbursement and administration of funds to support School-Based Health Centers in Alaska



Alaska is a local control state, and there is no legislation that demands school-based health care or SBHCs in Alaska in any form.



School Nursing and Health Services in Alaska

In Alaska, school nursing services vary widely from none, to some to full time in every school.

54 school districts

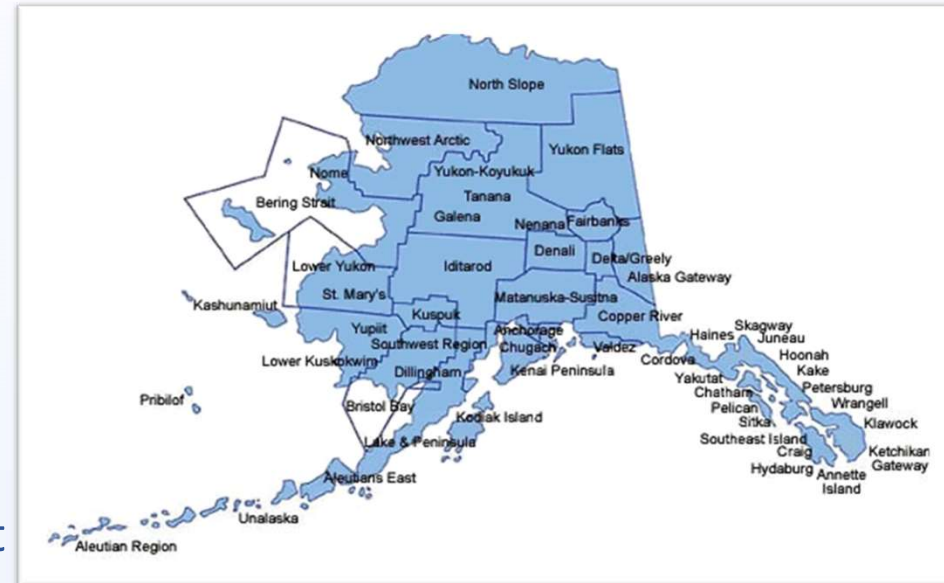
- 490 schools
- 131,250 students

16 districts employ school nurses.

- 300 schools & 105,450 students
- 6 have more than 1 school nurse
- 10 have 1 school nurse for their entire district

~25,800 students statewide lack school nursing services

6 School Based Health Centers

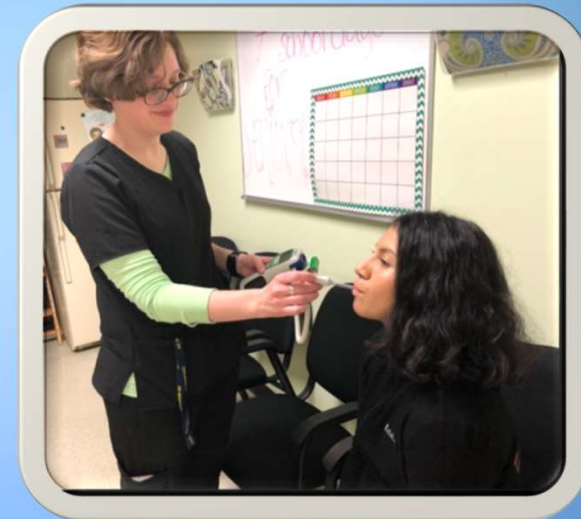


Role of the School Nurse & School Health Services



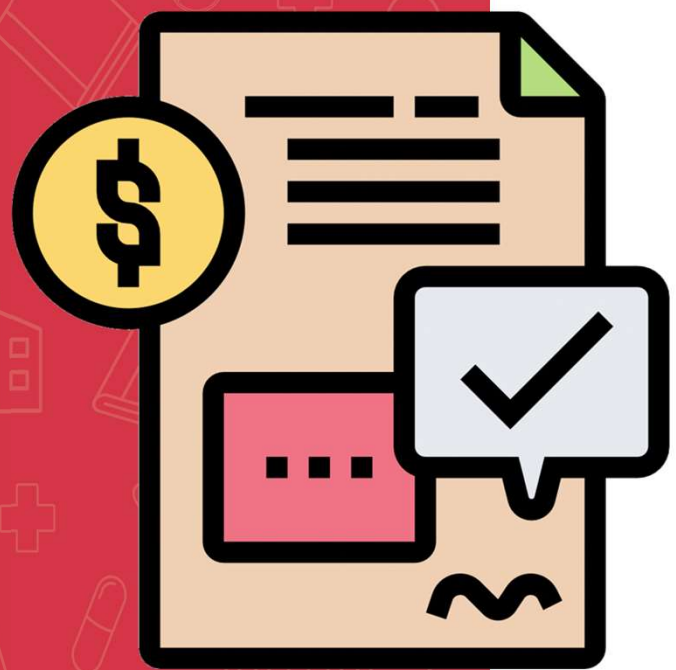
The **CDC and other national resources** indicate schools should provide school health services to:

- Improve the health and well-being of children
- Identify and prevent health problems
- Ensure care for students
- Minimize health barriers to learning



NASN - School nursing is a specialized practice of professional nursing which advances the well-being, academic success and life-long achievement and health of students.





Award Information



School-Based Health Alliance Request for Applications (RFA) in Alaska for School- Based Health Care

The national School-Based Health Alliance (SBHA) in collaboration with the Alaska Department of Health will be releasing a Request for Applications (RFA) to provide coordinated, culturally sensitive, developmentally appropriate, school-based health care in Alaska, that may include primary care, mental/behavioral health, outreach, equipment, telehealth, mobile unit, dental health care, and health promotion/education/wellness.

In addition, one award will be granted to a group committed to working on state-level school-based health care infrastructure, including the affiliation of SBHA, with the aim to equip the group to independently offer technical assistance related to school-based health care.

Applications must be submitted through the School-Based Health Alliance RFA in Alaska portal no later than 11:59 pm AKDT, on April 30, 2024. Please review the information on the form carefully. For questions regarding this RFA, please contact SBHA at aksbhcfunding@sbh4all.org.



Scan to learn more about the school-based health care RFA and submit your application by April 30, 2024.



Scan to learn more about the state-level school-based health care RFA and submit your application by April 30, 2024.

FAQ Session Information

Interested parties have the opportunity to attend either of the two sessions. Attendance is encouraged but not required to submit a full application. Sessions will be recorded.



March 29, 2024, 12:00 p.m. AKDT

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Or



April 2, 2024, 8:00 a.m. AKDT

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Goal: Support students' health, well-being and academic success by providing school-based health care

This care includes but is not limited to:



Mental health



Primary Care



Oral health



Vision services

Through outreach, equipment, telehealth, mobile units, health promotion, and health education

School-Based Health Centers offer the most comprehensive type of school-based health care. An SBHC is a collaborative effort among a school, a healthcare organization, and a community to make health services (at a minimum, primary care) available to students at school in a consistent location on a consistent schedule.



What Are School Health Services?

School health services include, but are not limited to:



School nurses



School
psychology



School
counselors



School social
workers
services



What is an SBHC?

- Shared commitment between a school, community, and health care organization(s)
- SBHCs offer the most comprehensive type of school-based health care to support student health, well-being, and academic success
 - At a minimum, this includes comprehensive Primary Care (federally defined)
 - May also provide Mental Health, Oral Health Care, Vision Care, and other
- Works with existing school services and care providers but does not replace



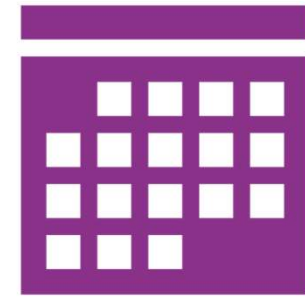
SBHCs are a unique model of care

- Space provided by school for external healthcare entity
- Providers who can navigate school and health systems, including both HIPAA and FERPA
- Desire, skills, and time for relationship-building with students, families, school staff, and community partners
- SBHC provider role may include more consultation, crisis intervention, school-wellness related activities, and building partnerships with school staff
- Additional considerations for engaging parents/guardians in care



Funding Period

- **RFA Deadline:** April 30, 2024
- **Contract Term:** June 2024 – May 30, 2025
- **Notice of Grant Awards:** May 15, 2024
- **First Grantee Meeting:** June 5, 2024
- **Funding:** currently one-time, non-renewable and non-refundable



Award Information

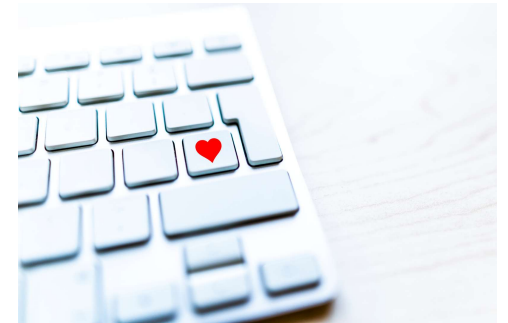
- **Award Information:** \$785,000
- **Projected Maximum Award Amount:** up to \$250,000 per application
- **Projected Number of Awards:** anticipate multiple awards for school-based health care, only one State-Level School-Based Health Care Infrastructure



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Application Types

- **New or Expanded School-Based Health Care:** including but not limited to medical, dental, mental health services, nutrition, health education, via telehealth or mobile van for students enrolled in the identified school.
- **State-Level School-Based Health Care Infrastructure:** a group committed to working on state-level school-based health care infrastructure with the aim to equip the group to independently offer technical assistance.



Who is Eligible?

Application must:

- **Address the target population:** the students who attend schools where the new or expanded school-based health care will be located.
- **Offer the following School-Based Health Care model:**
 - Located on the grounds of a school, school district, school board or an Indian tribe or tribal organization
 - Organized through school, community, and health provider relationships
 - Administered by a sponsoring facility
 - Provide primary healthcare in accordance with laws



Submitting Applications

- Applications must be submitted through Qualtrics, with all required documents attached to be considered.
- Do not complete the application on a mobile device.
- All applicants must fill out the Authorization Form linked after submitting the main application.
- Ensure the previous question has been filled out before moving on to the next page of the application.





Frequently Asked Questions



Application

- **Is there a work plan template for the request?**

No template is provided, attach a work plan that is under two pages

- **Can organizations submit an application for multiple sites?**

Yes, you may apply for funding for multiple sites.

- **Would it be acceptable to submit one application for funding to support part-time, rotating mobile medical school-based health services at four schools in a single district, or would we need to submit a separate proposal for each individual school?**

Yes, one application should be submitted for the sites you are applying for.



Application Continued

- **We are considering applying for funds for a Mobile Medical Van. If we are awarded funding for a van, it can take months to order a van and then get delivery, would that be permitted?**

It is acceptable to purchase a van. Consider what else can be completed during the grant period, such as marketing, outreach, training, and other related services.

- **Does this project allow schools the option of an a la carte service? For example, could the services be limited to just one or two services such as mental and behavioral health or health promotion/education or does it have to be all encompassing?**

Yes, applicants can apply to establish or expand one or multiple services.



Budget

- **Is indirect allowed?**
Yes, it is allowed as a part of the program costs, and it is capped at 10% and must be in line with organizational policy and directly related to site costs.
- **How much minor Technical Assistance (TA) is allowed?**
TA is allowed through funding period, funding request must be accompanied by budget justification
- **Can the budget include travel, staff training, and development?** Yes, and these must be relevant to the submitted work plan.



Miscellaneous Questions

- **Can you explain the expenses for the school?**
 - The cost to the school would depend on your partnership agreement. Types of expenses can range from the cost of water, electricity, and cleaning services, but vary depending on each arrangement.
- **Can we apply for both services and Technical Assistance money?**
 - Yes, via two separate applications.
- **Who from the program staff (role) is required to attend the monthly group calls and training meetings?**
 - No specific role is required. Ideally, this would be someone who will work closely on the work being done under this grant.



Miscellaneous Questions Continued

- **Can this funding be used for advocacy and/or lobbying at the State or Federal level?**
 - Funding can be used for advocacy, to support sharing the work you do. Lobbying is not allowed.
- **Is funding contingent on billing for services?**
 - No
- **What is the anticipated number of awards and the amount earmarked for the technical assistance award?**
 - The number of awards is varied, up to \$250,000 per award



Miscellaneous Questions Continued

- **How does this differ from the HRSA SBHC grant, if funded, would this disqualify us from future HRSA funding?**

This grant is managed and overseen by SBHA through a contract with the Alaska Department of Health. Please refer to the HRSA Notice of Funding in regard to future funding eligibility.

- **What does the reporting look like?**

Additional information will be shared in the RFA. At a minimum, reports will be required regularly to track progress throughout the grant period.

- **How scalable are these funds? Can schools or districts without a school nurse increase their capacity for telehealth or vision/hearing/dental screenings on-site.**

Yes, the goal is to provide new or expanded SBHC medical and/or mental health services to students enrolled in the identified school.



Miscellaneous Questions Continued

- **How does this funding support collaboration between community-based organizations and districts?**

This funding supports partnerships between school and community stakeholders to create fully engaged and accountable partners who provide the spark of leadership that catalyzes resources, patrons, and institutions.

- **How will SBHA also support the Technical Assistance award?**

Provide support to the state-level organization as they work to build state affiliation and provide other technical support upon request via email or virtual calls.

- **Will this lead to Alaska standards for school-based health?**

SBHA is working with the Alaska Department of Health throughout the grant period and will work with applicants/grantees to guide them throughout the grant period.



Sustainability

- **In regards to sustainability, do you have recommendations or suggestions for additional funding to supplement the project once the grant period ends?**

Sustainable school-based health care creates strong partnerships with stakeholders, including sponsorship organization(s), local health care providers, students and families, and school partners. They have a diverse funding portfolio including in-kind donations, patient revenue, and grants.





Questions & Answers





Resources



SBHC Planning Checklist



School-Based Health Center (SBHC) Planning Checklist



Consulting Services

The School-Based Health Alliance is a highly respected provider of extensive technical assistance and training to the school-based health care field. Our school health consulting staff has decades of experience in designing, operating, and evaluating school-based health center (SBHC) programs. Let us put that expertise to work for you!

- Establish SBHC regional planning committee
- Orient SBHC planning committee to the SBHC model
- Identify a medical sponsor organization and other potential health care provider partner organizations
- Visit existing SBHC(s)
- Establish SBHC advisory group (e.g. principal, other school leadership, school social worker, students, parents/guardians, school nurse, sponsor organization member, and others.)
- Conduct community readiness assessment
- Conduct SBHC needs assessment
- Develop and implement marketing and engagement plan for target audiences and gatekeepers
- Identify potential SBHC location(s) via site visit(s) Select a well-considered location for the SBHC based on readiness assessment, needs assessment, site visit(s), and needed construction/renovation
- Determine appropriate staffing
- Develop narrative business plan

- Complete a pro-forma business plan to determine funding needs and potential revenue
- Solicit capital and operational funding from variety of sources
- Develop necessary agreements and procedures to bill commercial and public insurance
- Draft and execute a memorandum of understanding among SBHC partners (e.g. school district, medical sponsor organization, behavioral health, oral health, local department of health.)
- Develop comprehensive SBHC consent form that includes bi-directional information sharing to promote continuum of care (e.g. school nurse, school counselor, PCP, dentist, parent/guardian.)
- Complete SBHC renovation/construction process
- Engage students to ensure SBHC space is student-friendly
- Purchase appropriate equipment and supplies
- Ensure appropriate technology access in collaboration with school





School-Based Telehealth Program Playbook: Start-up and Operations



www.sbh4all.org/sbthplaybook

Program
Models

Partnerships

Implementation

Assessing Needs and
Readiness

Business
Model and
Case

Technology and Equipment



School-Based Mobile Healthcare Toolkit

Developed by SBHA to enhance the capacity of healthcare organizations to integrate high-quality, sustainable, mobile healthcare services with school-based healthcare programs. If interested, review our toolkit.



<https://tools.sbh4all.org/school-based-mobile-health-toolkit/>

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SBHA Direct Resource Links

- **SBHC Resource Hub:**

- <https://www.sbh4all.org/resources/>

- **Mapping Tool:**

- <https://www.sbh4all.org/resources/mapping-tool/>

- **Hallways to Health:**

- <https://tools.sbh4all.org/hallways-to-health/hallways-to-health-home/>

- **The Blueprint Resources (tools, examples, guides, including MOU's):**

- <https://www.sbh4all.org/resources/the-blueprint/>

- **Health Centers and Schools: Uniting for Young People's Success:**

- <https://conferences.nachc.org/nachc/sessions/2623/view>



Alaska Resources

- **Alaska Department of Health School Health Program**
 - <https://health.alaska.gov/dph/Chronic/Pages/SchoolHealth/default.aspx>
- **Alaska Department of Health Section on Women’s, Children’s, and Family Health - Resources to Support School Health Services**
 - <https://dhss.alaska.gov/health/dph/wcfh/Documents/school/assets/ResourcesToSupportSchoolHealthServices.pdf>
- **Alaska Youth Risk Behavior Survey**
 - <https://health.alaska.gov/dph/Chronic/Pages/yrbs/default.aspx>
- **Alaska Department of Education and Early Childhood Data Center**
 - <https://education.alaska.gov/data-center>
- **Alaska Department of Health Data and Statistics**
 - <https://health.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Pages/data/default.aspx>



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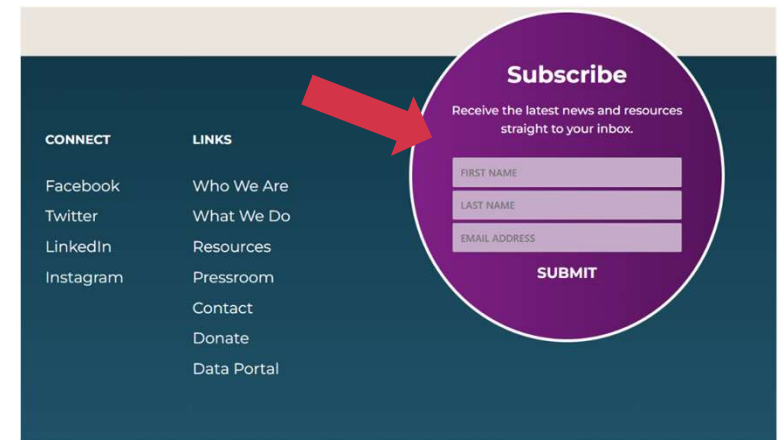
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