

OREGON SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

2009 FACT SHEET

THE CHALLENGE

THE BENEFIT

In Oregon, 13% or 117,000 children are uninsured.

Recognized as part of the Safety Net system caring for those who are without insurance or are under-insured.

- 44 Certified School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs)
- Currently in 19 counties
- 12 additional sites are in Phase II Planning and will be certified during Spring 2009

Estimated \$1,273,000 in health care services delivered to uninsured students in Oregon (SY 2007-2008).

62% of surveyed SBHC clients reported they would not have received health services that day without the center.

Served nearly 21,000 students with over 66,000 visits.

Keeps parents from missing work to take students to health care services.

Provide easily accessible physical, mental, and preventive health services.

1 in 4 adolescents are at risk for adverse health outcomes such as teen pregnancies, suicide, and substance abuse.

Reinforces health promotion messages provided in school.

Surveyed students reported their overall health was better due to their use of the SBHC.

Developmentally appropriate care is provided by qualified health professionals: nurse practitioners, physician assistants, registered nurses, and mental health counselors.

Student health status impacts educational outcomes.

Loss of class time is reduced as reported by surveyed clinic users.

- 53% reported they did not miss a class while using the center services.
- 75% estimated they would miss one class or more if they had to go to a traditional clinic.

Health care is expensive.

Value of services provided far exceeds the state dollars spent.

\$3-4 additional dollars are leveraged through local public-private partnerships for every \$1 of State General Fund invested.

Recognized by state and local insurance companies as an important and effective piece of healthcare delivery.

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Attend to unmet needs | Reduce barriers to learning | Support families | Represent wise investments