Oregon’s School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) offer a patient-centered health care model where comprehensive physical, mental and preventive health services are provided to youth and adolescents, regardless of their ability to pay. SBHCs are located on school grounds and are open and operating when kids are in school.

SBHCs Improve access to affordable quality physical, mental and preventive health services.

For 2013–14 Service Year:¹

• SBHCs served 23,797 clients in 70,666 visits.

• 52,466 school age children (5–21 years old) had access to an SBHC in Oregon.

• Mental health:
  • 57 SBHCs had a mental health provider on-site.
  • 5,410 SBHC clients received mental health services over the course of 18,691 visits.
  • 15% of all visits were provided by a mental health professional.

SBHCs Get students back to the classroom faster and ready to learn.

According to surveyed students who used the SBHCs:

• 63% reported they didn’t miss a class while using SBHC services.

• 77% estimated they would miss one class or more if they had to go to a clinic located elsewhere.²

Percent of 11th graders with access to an SBHC who used it at least once in the past year: 34%  
2013 Oregon Healthy Teens Survey
SBHCs Reduce high costs associated with inappropriate use of emergency rooms and unnecessary hospitalizations.

- Youth who identified the SBHC as their usual source of care were less likely to have an ER or urgent care visit (25%), compared to those whose usual source of care was some other place (34%).

- For every state dollar invested, SBHCs leveraged an estimated additional $2.40 from grants, billing, donations and other sources.

SBHCs Provide quality care and developmentally appropriate services.

- 65% of students who were surveyed in the SBHCs reported their overall health was better because of their use of the SBHC and 84% were very satisfied with their center.

- 88% of surveyed students reported the discussion of at least one prevention message and 73% reported three or more messages.

SBHCs Succeed through public and private partnerships and are recognized by partners as an important and effective part of the health care delivery system.

For 2013–14 Service Year, SBHCs:

- 72% are sponsored by Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).
- 57% are sponsored by local public health authorities and 38% have FQHC status.
- 49% are recognized as Patient-Centered Primary Care Homes.
- 94% currently use electronic health records.

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1 Based on 2013–14 Oregon SBHC utilization data
2 Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division (2013–14) SBHC Patient Satisfaction Survey
3 Data based on estimates from the 2012–13 and 2013–14 school years
4 Based on 2013–14 Oregon SBHC operational profile data

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