Illinois School Health Centers Keeping Students Healthy and Ready to Learn



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"The school health center has been a Godsend. My chronic asthmatic son was able to receive treatments in school—reducing his lost school days and my lost work time." --Parent, Peoria

"My school health center gives kids access to health care to help them with needs or problems they wouldn't necessarily address otherwise." --Student, Evanston **Township High School**

Illinois Coalition for School Health Centers

MISSION

"To improve the physical and mental health status of children and adolescents in Illinois by advocating for the development, stabilization and expansion of school health centers."

GOALS

- advocacy
- networking
- quality assurance
- evaluation
- funding
- ♦ sustainability

Desired Outcomes

- Health care access for Illinois children and adolescents
- Understand the school health center model
- How school health centers function in Illinois
- Benefits of school health centers

Health of Illinois' Children & Teens



Illinois School Health Centers

Keeping Students Healthy & Ready to Learn

- Many of the most significant and costly national health problems are caused by behaviors established during youth:
 - Drug and alcohol abuse
 - Tobacco use
 - High-risk sexual behaviors
 - Inadequate physical activity
 - Poor dietary habits



 Estimated number of children in Illinois under the age of 19 who are uninsured.
 (2003 Census data, Governor's office 2005)



Children in Illinois suffer from asthma (IDPH 2002)



 Illinois high school students and 13% of Illinois middle school students currently use tobacco products (IDPH 2002)



Illinois high school students reported having sexual intercourse (YRBS 2001)



 Illinois high school students are described as overweight or at risk for becoming overweight (YRBS 2001)

18%

 Illinois high school students who have seriously considered suicide (YRBS 2001)



Illinois children with evidence of dental decay (IDPH, Division of Oral Health)

Access to Health Care

ACCESS

TO HEALTHCARE



- In Illinois 253,000 of children and youth aged 0-19 are uninsured
- Over 80% of Illinois SHC enrollees are either Medicaid/All Kids patients or uninsured (IDHS, 2007)
- Youth aged 10-19 have the lowest utilization rates of any age group and are the least likely to seek care (Klein, 1994)

What do youth say about barriers to care?

Lack of Confidentiality

Lack of Sensitivity

Lack of Respect

Intimidated by Providers

"I've never had the benefit of having people help me with as much care and concern as I've had at the school health center. It's entirely convenient; I have a medical doctor, therapist and a dentist that I am able to see without worry of cost."

Student, Urbana High School

What do parents say about barriers to health care?

- Cost
- Language
- Loss of Job Time
- Lack of Consistent Provider
- Transportation

"Using the School Wellness Center has been a life changing experience for my family. In a community with limited providers, the school-based facility enables students and faculty to see a health care provider, receive their medicine and never leave the building."

Parent, Gallatin County Unit District #7

School Health Center Model



THE MODEL

SCHOOL HEALTH CENTERS

History of the Model

- First centers opened in MN and TX
- Illinois in 1982 at Austin Community High School
- Illinois Department of Human Services support
- Illinois School Based and Linked Health Centers Standards (IL Administrative Code)
- Illinois Coalition for School Health Centers formed in 1996



What are they?

• School-based health centers, located on school grounds.

• School-linked health centers, located off school grounds close to a school.



Core Mission

- Bringing services to students where they learn and grow
- Addressing critical health issues
- Serving kids in need
- Supporting parents
- Supporting schools
- Supporting communities



Common Services

- School and Sports Physicals
- Acute Care
- Immunizations
- Mental Health Services
- Risk Assessments
- Dental Care
- Eye Exams
- Nutrition Counseling
- Referrals to Community Agencies

- Preventative & Health Education
- Diagnosis and Treatment of Illness
- Laboratory
- Reproductive Health Services
- Linkages to Support Services
- Benefits Enrollment

Top Reasons for SHC Visits

Top Visits:

- Health Maintenance/ Preventative Services
- Reproductive Health
- Mental Health
- Respiratory Diseases
- Symptoms
- Injuries

- Mental Health Visits:
 - Attention-Deficit/
 Hyperactivity Disorder
 - Depression
 - Family/ Peer Conflict
 - Behavior Disorders
 - Posttraumatic Stress/ Anxiety Disorders
 - Academic Issues

Organizational Structure

- Planned partnerships and on-going advisory from health care providers, school districts, local health departments, faith leaders, community leaders and organizations, parents and students
- Sponsoring agencies can be hospitals, health departments, universities, community health centers, schools and community agencies

Staffing

Recommended Staffing is:

- Medical Director
- Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant
- Clinically-trained Mental Health Practitioner
- Health Educator
- Medical Receptionist/Other Support Staff

A Day in the Life of a SHC

Monday, March 10, 2008: 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Yolanda, 17 year-oldSore throat Emilio, 16 year-old..... ADD/ADHD Pheng, 19 year-old..... Immunization Keesha, 16 year-old..... No show Willie, 15 year-old...... Sports Physical Carmen, 14 year-old..... Asthma Tanya, 14 year-old..... Depression Cassandra, 17 year-old..... Birth Control Alex, 15 year-old Acne Neng, 14 year-old..... Sprained ankle Julie, 15 year-old Abdominal pain

Benefits of School Health Centers



THE BENEFITS

SCHOOL HEALTH CENTERS

Accessible

•Affordable

 Child and Adolescent-Friendly Staff

Safe Environment Promote Healthy Lifestyles

One-Stop Shopping

Savings and Benefits to Illinois

- SHCs save an estimated <u>\$233,000 to</u> <u>\$342,000</u> per year by reducing asthma hospitalizations.
- SHCs save an estimated <u>\$2.5 million</u> per year by reducing emergency room visits.
- SHCs in Illinois save an estimated <u>\$2.72</u> <u>million</u> per year by providing immunizations.

A Proven Track Record



A PROVEN

TRACK RECORD



Quality Care

- State-certified model of care
- Serve students regardless of their ability to pay
- Facilitate after-hours care
- Require parental consent for students to receive most services
- Advisory board and student involvement
- Providers or referrals for specialty care or other resources in the community

Increase preventive health care

Decrease school absenteeism

Lessen emergency rooms visits

Reduce parents' time off from work

- Improve access to mental health and substance abuse services
- Reduce unhealthy behaviors
- Reduce health care access disparities
- Strengthen community services

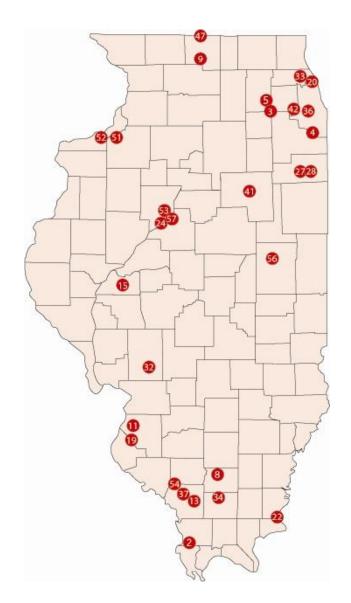


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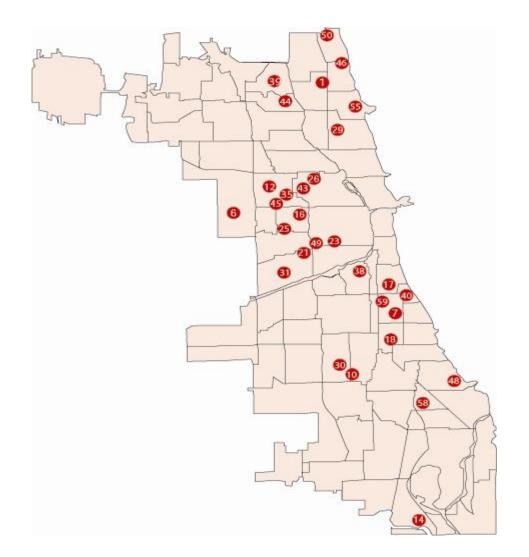
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50 SHCs across Illinois



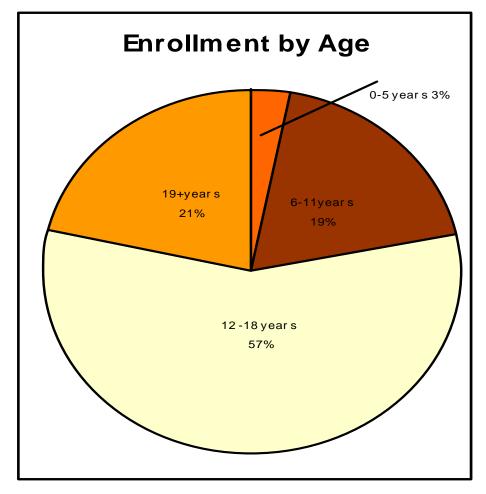
27 SHCs in Chicago



Illinois School Health Centers FY 2007

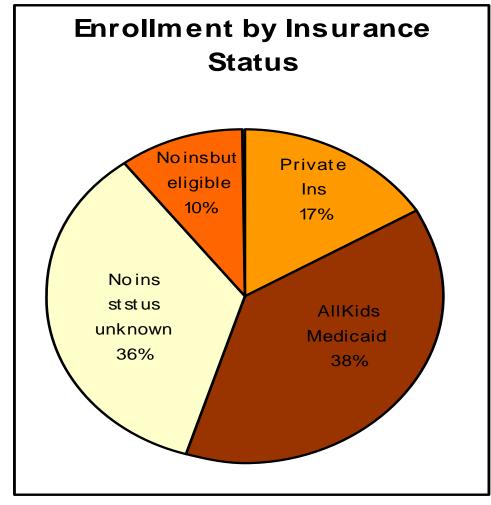
- 40 out of 50 school health centers report the following:
- IL SHCs serve 98 schools in 15 counties
- 78% of SHCs are in Title I schools
- 78,075 students were enrolled to receive services
- There were 103,469 total visits to SHCs

Enrollment by Age



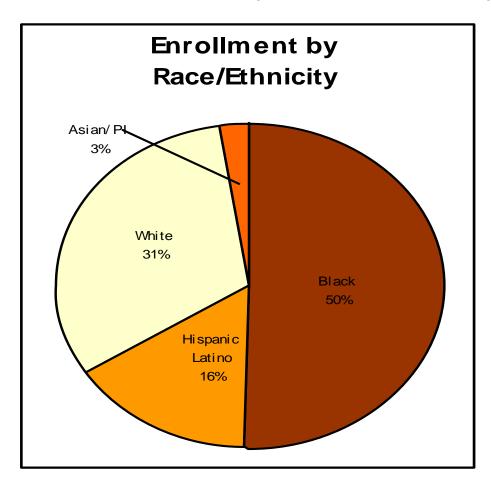
Data sources: School Health Center Report Card FY 2007

Enrollment by Insurance Status



Data sources: School Health Center Report Card FY 2007

Enrollment by Ethnicity



Data sources: School Health Center Report Card FY 2007

State Expenditures on School Health Centers

Illinois Department of Human Services spent \$4.245 million on SHCs in FY2008.

FY2008 DHS supported 39 operating SHCs



Common Challenges

- Sustainability
- Lack of evaluation data
- Coordinating health & education priorities in a school setting
- Dilution of the SHC model



How to get involved



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