



Health Innovations to Amplify Student Well-Being

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Objectives

At the completion of this presentation, the participant will be able to:

- 1) Understand two state health grant options that allow for enhanced health services in schools.
 - A. School health professional grant
 - b. School-based health center grant
- 2) Articulate use of school health services/Medicaid funds for health services, such as a health and wellness coordinator, increased nursing staff, mental health personnel and training.
- 3) Explore strategies to champion school-based health center to improve the health of students in districts.



STATE GRANTS:

CDE's School Health Professional Grant



School Health Professional Grant

- This program is designed to provide funds to eligible education providers to enhance the presence of school health professionals in their secondary schools. School Health Professionals are defined as School Nurses, School Psychologists, School Social Workers and School Counselors.



School Health Professional Grant

- This grant program intends to increase the availability of school-based prevention, early intervention and health care services and programs to reduce the risk of marijuana and other substance use and abuse by secondary school students.



School Health Professional Grant

- There were 20 awards in 2015 for the 15-16 school year for a total of \$2,154,094
- Grant implementation varies for each awardee.
- Expectation that there will be similar funding for the 2016-2017 school year



School Health Professional Grant

- Boulder Valley School District Experience:
 - Focus on School Nurses and Counseling
 - History of Health Services in Boulder Valley



STATE GRANTS:

CDPHE's School-Based Health Centers



School Based Health Center Grants

- The SBHC Program provides funding to plan, start and operate school-based health centers in Colorado schools. To establish and operate a sustainable school-based health center, strong collaborations between the school (including youth and parents), school district, health organizations and the community are crucial.



What is a School-Based Health Center (SBHC)?

“a clinic established and operated within a public school building, including charter schools and state sanctioned GED programs associated with a school district, or on public school property by the school district. School-based health centers are operated by school districts in cooperation with hospitals, public or private health care organizations, licensed medical providers, public health nurses, community health centers, and community mental health centers.”

Definition of a SBHC from 25-20.5-502, C.R.S



Benefits of a SBHC

- Improve access to integrated health care
- Reduce absenteeism from school
- Reduce the use of expensive hospital emergency rooms
- Improve immunization rates
- Families are informed about public and discounted health insurance programs and the importance of preventive health care services
- Students appreciate services that are uniquely tailored to meet their needs
- Students remain in school and ready to learn
- Health concerns are addressed promptly



School-Based Health Center Grant

- 5 million dollars from the State are available for school-based health centers in Colorado
- Current planning to operations applications for funding (2016 to 2021) are due March 14
- <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/sbhc-funding>



HEALTH FIRST COLORADO:

School Medicaid – Funding Health Services



School Health Services in Colorado

- Since 1997 schools can contract with Health Care Policy and Finance (HCPF) to participate in the program
- Currently about 50 school districts/BOCES are contracting



School Health Services in Colorado

- Community Needs assessment determines priorities for spending
- Revenue is based on cost of SPED staff (salary and benefits) to provide IEP services to students
- CDE, HCPF, and The Colorado Consortium can assist districts in determining revenue



School Health Services Program

- Spending must be spend on services to all students:
 - Examples: Dental Care, Emergency vouchers, nursing service, social-emotional services, health and wellness services, health education, district wellness coordinators ...
 - Boulder Valley School District Example

CHAMPION SCHOOL BASED HEALTH SERVICES

Innovations for Your District

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Be a champion!

- **Contact experts in state agencies:**
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SHS Program Administrator
Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF)
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 - **Kristina Green**
SBHC Program Coordinator
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Be a champion!

- **Contact experts in local districts:**
 - Denver Public Schools
 - Aurora Public Schools
- **Other resources:**
 - CASBHC website
 - Visit a School-Based Health Center
 - Attend CASBHC's Annual Conference



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