

Our Mission

The California School-Based Health Alliance is the nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the health and academic success of children and youth by advancing school-based health care.

We are working toward a future when all students have access to the health services they need to be successful in school. School-based health care includes programs such as school nurses, comprehensive school-based health centers (SBHCs), mental health care services, and dental programs.

In California, more than 265,000 children grades K-12 attend a school that has a health center, and many more have access to other types of school-based health care services. This is an important start, but many more school-based health centers are needed, particularly in underserved communities.

Our Goals

Healthy Children. Too many children come to school every day suffering from conditions that seriously impact their ability to learn and succeed.

Successful Students. Healthy students miss fewer classes, are less likely to drop out, and have a better chance of success in school and beyond.

Equity & Access. School-based health centers offer services in a place that is familiar, trusted, age-appropriate and convenient for all students and families – in school.



Our Work

- **Advocating for public policies** that make school-based health care an integral part of the health and education systems.
- **Helping schools and communities** start school-based health care programs.
- **Ensuring high-quality school-based health care** through conferences, trainings, and technical assistance.
- **Raising the visibility of school-based health care** so it is valued by policymakers, educators, community leaders, parents, and students.

Our Organization

We are based in Oakland and have field staff in Fresno. We are supported by private foundations, individual and organization memberships, and donations.

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