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**Dedicated to Strengthening and Sustaining
Oregon's School-Based Health Services**



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OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- 1** Sustain, strengthen and expand School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs)
- 2** Promote diversity and equity that engages community and youth voices
- 3** Advocate for and facilitate the integration of health, wellness and education

A Voice for the Health and Academic Success of Young People

OSBHA strengthens school-based health services and systems that promote the health and academic success of young people by:

- Convening and connecting stakeholders in education and healthcare
- Acting as a statewide voice to protect and increase funding for Oregon SBHCs
- Aligning efficiencies and resources so SBHCs can provide more direct service, leverage existing funding, and achieve sustainable growth

OSBHA's investment in school-based health centers generates an invaluable return – helping young people realize their full potential

SBHCs increase school attendance, access to health care and mental health services – while decreasing absenteeism, discipline referrals, inappropriate emergency room use and Medicaid expenditures. Most importantly, SBHCs create a positive impact - healthy young people learn, grow and thrive.



OSBHA IN ACTION

Legislative Advocacy

OSBHA secured inclusion of SBHCs in Oregon state statute, increased state budget for SBHC planning, operations and mental health and assisted in passing legislation requiring Coordinated Care Organizations to include SBHCs in their planning.

Training and Support

OSBHA develops and hosts trainings as well as creates sustainable business models.

Empowering Youth Voice in Education and Health Systems

The State Youth Action Council and Student Health Advocates strengthen Oregon's youth voice in health care services, and OSBHA provides staff, training and support.

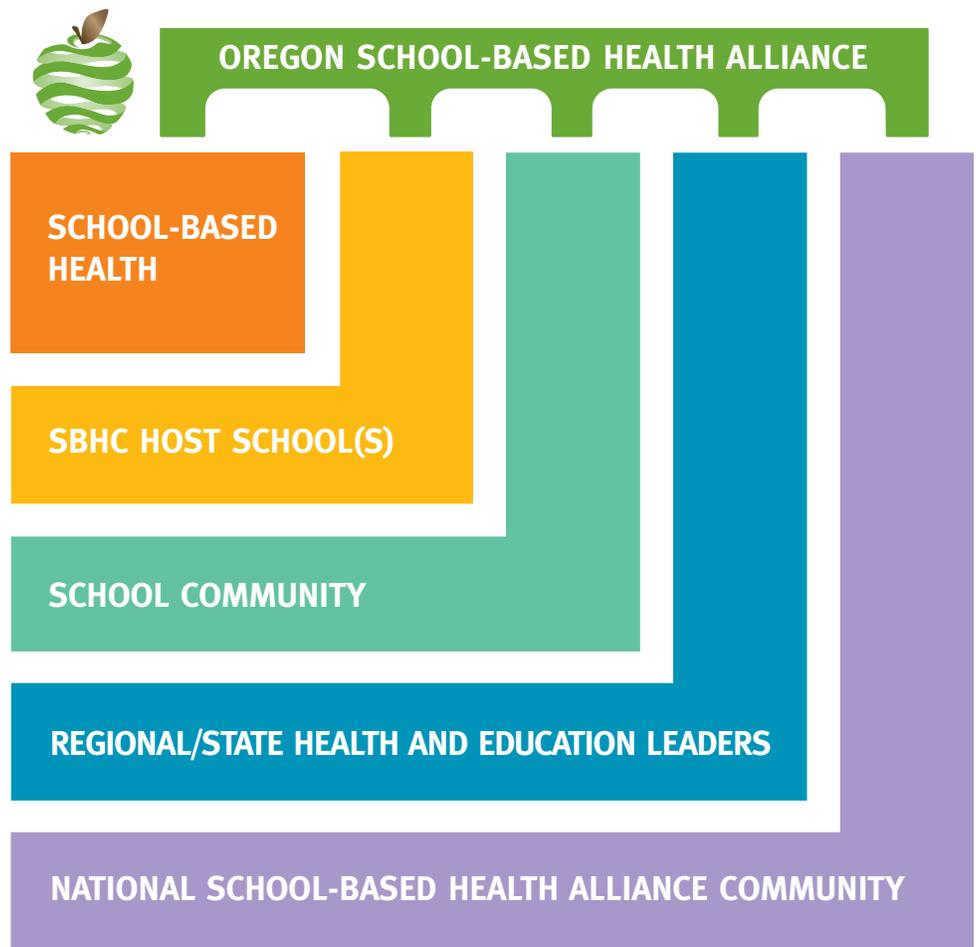
Administrative Advocacy

OSBHA leads the Alternative Payment Innovation Project – working with health care, county and state leaders to develop payment options to keep SBHCs sustainable.

Oregon School-Based Health Alliance serves as a bridge across multiple systems to align resources and maximize efficiencies for SBHCs.

OSBHA is dedicated to:

- Providing resources for SBHCs, trauma-informed schools and school health initiatives
- Guiding health and education partnerships to help both sectors navigate cohesively
- Amplifying the student voice to engage locally and throughout the state
- Elevating the importance, relevance and understanding of school-based health services
- Seeking out national best practices that strengthen Oregon's SBHC system



SBHCs Reduce Educational Gaps and Advance Health Equity

Students from low-income, racial and ethnic minority populations in the U.S. commonly experience worse health, are less likely to have a usual place of health care, and miss more days of school because of illness than do students from less economically and socially disadvantaged populations. With easy access to health care, SBHCs reduce barriers such as cost, transportation and concerns about confidentiality that keep children and youth from seeking the health services they need.

61% of SBHCs in Oregon are located in primary care health professional shortage areas that are commonly rural and low-income

19 (out of 77) of Oregon's SBHCs served mostly students of color

52% of Oregon SBHC clients were insured by Medicaid

—2017 OR SBHC Status Report



“OSBHA’s Student Health Advocates program has allowed me to grow as a person in ways that go beyond what’s on paper. I’ve gained new lenses in how I see and approach the needs in my community, I’ve gained the ability to turn passion into action, I’ve gotten to realize my own identity as a young leader of color and the responsibility it carries.”

-Haylee Williams, OSBHA Student Health Advocates Coach

“The Alliance works hard to ensure that we know the importance of student access to quality health care because healthy students are able to make the most of their educational experience. Their advocacy on this issue has made a difference for thousands of students around Oregon.”

– Oregon State Representative Nancy Nathanson, District 13



“OSBHA does an incredible job championing the critical services available at school based health centers. Whether it’s at the state capital, or a small community meeting, OSBHA keeps the importance of school based health centers in the spotlight!”

– Brooke Cottle, Director, Bethel Health Center, Eugene, OR.



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