

School-Based Health Centers

What are School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) or School-Based Wellness Centers?

SBHCs are health centers, located in a school or on a school campus, which provide onsite comprehensive preventive and primary health services. Services may also include mental health, oral health, ancillary, and supportive services. You might think of a SBHC as "doctor's office in a school". SBHCs may be staffed by one or more of the following health professionals:

- A primary care provider, such as a pediatrician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant
- A registered nurse (RN or BSN) and/or a licensed practical nurse (LPN)
- A medical office assistant (MOA) or medical assistant (MA)
- A billing or clerical staff member
- A mental health provider, such as a psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, or other therapist
- A substance abuse counselor
- A dentist and/or dental hygienist
- A health educator
- A nutritionist or registered dietitian

Local County	Number of SBHCs
Baltimore City	17
Baltimore County	13
Caroline County	9
Dorchester County	4
Frederick County	1
Harford County	5
Howard County	10
Montgomery County	13
Prince George's County	4
Talbot County	3
Washington County	3
Wicomico County	2
Total SBHC Programs (FY20)	84

There are SBHC Programs in 12 of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions

