

Mississippi Department of Education

OFFICE OF HEALTHY SCHOOLS School Based Clinic Overview

Clinics Funded

- Jackson Public School District School-Based Health Clinic (Central)
- McComb School District School-Based Health Clinic (Southern)
- Nettleton School District School-Based Health Clinic (Northern)

Amount Awarded Each School-Based Health Clinic

- Year 1: 1998 - 99 \$150,000.00
- Year 2: 1999 - 00 \$150,000.00
- Year 3: 2000 - 01 \$144,866.00
- Year 4: 2001 - 02 \$123,136.00
- Year 5: 2002 - 03 \$130,379.00
- Year 6: 2003 - 04 \$130,379.00
- Year 7: 2004 - 05 \$ 50,000.00
- Year 8: 2005 - 06 \$ 50,000.00

Additional Funding Sources

- Federal program funds Title I, II, IV, V, VI
(disadvantaged, Eisenhower, school improvement, Safe and Drug Free Schools, Educate America Act, Goals 2000)
- Special education
- Impact Aid
- Private Foundations
- Medicaid (administrative claiming available)
- Hospital and Community Health Associations, and Private Partnerships
- Interagency Agreements with public health and social service agencies (day treatment, mental health, etc.)
- University medical, dental and nursing schools partnerships
- Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi

Components of Comprehensive School Health Model

- Health Services
- Health Education Instruction
- Mental Health and Counseling
- Nutrition Education
- Physical Education
- Staff Wellness
- Parent and Community Involvement
- Safe School Environment

Common Goals

- To provide accessible, comprehensive, quality health care and education to children K-12 needing care due to poverty or other access barriers. Health care provided to children focus on prevention/wellness, education, and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses;
- To establish a School Health Advisory Committee composed of SBHC nurses, teachers, staff, parents and community leaders, to provide participatory guidance and suggestions for improved school health services;
- To have healthier school populations in the area served by the School-Based Health Clinics (SBHC) and to educate in health care self-management and responsibility for lifetime health and well being;
- To form partnerships with schools, community organizations/agencies and parents to effectively create a healthier environment;
- To screen for physical health, dental, and mental health problems;
- To provide an organized physical education and nutrition education program in grades K-12 with treatment of health problems;
- To develop into a fully functioning clinic with administrative claiming ability which renders the clinic self sufficient; and
- To measure the program's effect on dropout rates, suspensions, expulsions, attendance, teen pregnancy and improved test scores.

Grant Related Activities

- enrollment of chronically ill and exceptional education students;
- enrollment of staff/faculty to identify and prevent further illness states by providing health education for life long living;
- establishment of a system for medical, laboratory and diagnostic services;
- negotiation with school administration for the creation of systems to facilitate access to educational data to be used in the evaluation plan;
- a physical examination with vision and hearing screening, for all incoming kindergarten students aiding in early preventive school failure;
- annual child health screenings were done for those in need;
- provisions for appropriate immunizations for students on campus, eliminating need for students to be taken to off-site facility for compliance;

- M. D. support with sports physicals for student athletes before activity with referrals available;
- evaluations for diagnoses of attention deficit disorder/attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADD/ADHD) was possible due to qualified personnel affiliated with the SBHC;
- NPs at the SBHC worked closely with the school and Department of Human Services (DHS) to identify and report incidences of suspected child abuse/neglect and educated staff on laws governing reports of abuse and neglect;
- NPs worked with a few extremely obese students for weight control and adoption of healthy lifestyles;
- NPs at the SBHC made several referrals to the Child Developmental Clinic (CDC) at UMMC for developmental testing, evaluations and treating of developmental disorders;
- periodic in-service education of health topics presented to teachers during faculty meetings/staff development;
- extended primary health care services to staff/faculty;
- on-site consultation with state and nationally known experts in school health from the University of Southern Mississippi, Jackson State University, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Colorado;
- expansion of the facility to meet the needs of the district as the programs grows;
- establishment of a Nurturing Center where children of students attend daycare and students receive parenting skills training through programs implemented in the Center;
- advanced practice nurses associated with the SBHC are available for consultation with students, parents and teachers, and are available to participate in Individual Education Plan (IEP) conferences.

Health services, provided to the students and staff at all SBHC, is reported to have been welcomed by all in their communities, with the districts making expansion of services daily. Students with various health care needs now have an opportunity to receive health care during school hours where none existed prior to the clinics existence. Collaboration with other community service providers has been reported to be positive in all districts. Additional SBHCs have been developed throughout the state by hospitals, community health clinics, and private foundations totaling approximately 45. As a result approximately 71 school nurses have also been added and are stationed in the SBHCs. Other Local Education Agencies continue to request that similar services be implemented in their districts.