



Oregon School-Based  
Health Care Network

## About the Oregon School-Based Health Care Network

### Who we are:

The Oregon School-Based Health Care Network is the collective voice to build a stable, effective and available health care system in Oregon's schools. For more than 10 years, passionate partners, dedicated volunteers and the Network board and staff have steadily increased awareness and support for the school-based health model of care.

### What we do:

The Network has a plan for a healthy future for all Oregon's children and youth. We:

- Build capacity to provide quality services to children and youth at school-based health centers and are the primary source of professional training and resources for center staff.
- Advance policy to improve and expand health care services to children and youth throughout Oregon.
- Develop grassroots leaders to strengthen awareness of and support for school-based health care.

### Since 2001 the Network has:

- Successfully advocated to **increase state SBHC funding by \$3.8 million**, including \$1.38 million in the 2009 budget, keeping existing centers open and growing the number of centers available to kids in Oregon
- Ensured that SBHCs are eligible to apply for a grant program to provide **health care to vulnerable children**, allowing centers to continue to see children regardless of their insurance or immigration status
- Worked with advocates to provide **insurance to an additional 80,000 children and 35,000 adults** in Oregon
- Participated in a health care reform collaboration, which resulted in passage of legislation to **reduce costs and improve health outcomes** through prevention and wellness and by reimbursing providers differently
- Collaborated with state and local health officials to review and change the state's funding formula to make **SBHC funding more equitable**.
- **United 100 advocates at the capitol** on SBHC Day, including nearly 80 youth, to meet with legislators and tell their story about the needs in their community for quality, affordable health care
- Collaborated with the Oregon School Nurses Association to brief legislators on the differences between School Nurses and SBHCs and to pass legislation to **reduce the nurse to student ratio** in schools

The Oregon School-Based Health Care **Network** advances access to quality health care for youth.

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