# Welcome to Communety Health Center, Inc.



## School-Based Health Care







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# Health Care is a Right, Not a Privilege





COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER







Bristol

Clinton

Danbury

Enfield

Groton











Hartford

Meriden

Middletown

New Britain

**New London** 







Old Saybrook



Stamford Fifth Street



Stamford Franklin Street



Waterbury

# **Commun<del>ity</del>** Health Center, Inc.



# The Beginning





#### The Mission

#### To promote and enhance the overall health of youth, wherever they are

- Particularly in the uninsured and underinsured populations <u>and</u>
- To assure their access to comprehensive primary and preventive healthcare.









#### **Our Process**

#### We **ALWAYS** are:

- Invited into a school by a community
- Providing services when parents/guardian enroll their children and give written consent for care
- Partners with school nurses, coaches, counselors, and classroom teachers
- Accountable to Board of Education and/or school administration and their staff
- Licensed health providers
- Dependent on a community's request: multidisciplinary team, pair or individual





# **Online Enrollment Available at** www.sbhc1.com







# In-School Services Provided to Students Who Enroll

#### **Medical Care:**

- Diagnosis and Treatment
- Physical Exams
- Chronic Disease Management
- **Immunizations**
- Rx
- Health Education
- Referral
- Lab

#### **Behavioral Health:**

- Crisis Intervention
- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Family Counseling
- Referral for **Psychiatry**

#### **Oral Health:**

- Screenings
- Exams
- Cleanings
- X-Rays
- Sealants
- Referrals
- Oral Health Education
- Restorative Care

**TELEHEALTH** 



### Where the Kids Are

CHC's School-Based Health Care:

 In a school year we reached over 18,000 student/patients

Providing care in over 194 schools across the state

- 34 Comprehensive services (includes Medical) locations
- 100 Fixed Behavioral Health and Mobile Dental locations
- 60 Single service locations





## **Districts in Eastern Region**

Click here to visit www.SBC1.com to find a complete list of the schools we serve

- **Ansonia**
- **Ashford**
- Bethel
- Bloomfield
- **Branford**
- Bristol
- Canterbury
- Clinton
- Durham
- **East Hampton**
- East Haddam
- East Haven
- **East Windsor**
- Enfield

- Groton
- Hamden
- Manchester
- Meriden
- Middlefield
- Middletown
- **New Britain**
- **New London**
- North Haven
- Norwalk
- Pawcatuck
- Plainfield
- **Portland**
- **Stafford Springs**

- Stamford
- Stonington
- Stratford
- Waterbury
- Waterford
- Westbrook
- Willimantic
- Willington
- Windsor
- Winsted



# **Billing—Patient Fees**

- ⊙ We see all kids—with and without insurance
- We accept all state and commercial insurances (just a few examples are shown below)
- No out-of-pocket costs for insured
- No fee for behavioral health and medical visits if uninsured; flat fee schedule for mobile dental services
- Referral to "Access to Care" for assistance applying for insurance



















### **Research-Based Outcomes**

Academic	Self	Community
<ul> <li>Improves health status</li> <li>Reduces absenteeism</li> <li>Decreases discipline referrals</li> <li>Increases parental involvement</li> <li>Improves readiness to learn</li> <li>Increases the link between the school and the family</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increases         understanding of         health issues</li> <li>Increases positive         health and safety         behaviors</li> <li>Increases the ability         to communicate         about and advocate         for their personal         health care needs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reduces emergency room use</li> <li>Attributes to a reduction in Medicaid expenditures</li> <li>Assists families with insurance eligibility and navigation of system</li> </ul>





# How to connect students to SBHCs

Use the interactive mapping tool www.ctschoolhealth.org

Call directly for enrollment or to refer

Parents can refer through the school nursing staff, support staff, directly to SBHC

Refer parents to school website or the mapping tool

Students can self refer

School staff can refer directly to SBHC



### Resources

 National Alliance of School based health: www.sbh4all.org

 CT Association of School Based Health: www.ctschoolhealth.org

 Locations of all CT SBHC: https://viewer.mapme.com/casbhc



## Vaccines in SBHC

- -Typically review from CT whiz and school nurse records -HPV vaccine is often missed as it is not a CT state requirement for school
  - -If guardian not present, send home vaccine consent form with VIS sheet for recommended and required vaccines
    - -Our Clinics have a mix of uninsured, Medicaid, underinsured and private pay patients
- -We typically stock HPV (private and VFC) at our middle school and high school locations

# Example of a vaccine consent

- Dear Parent/Guardian,
- Upon reviewing your child's immunization records on file at school, I have determined that there are additional vaccines that may benefit your child's health and overall well-being. Those noted as recommended are not required for school, but are recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The following vaccines are missing from your child's records:
- TDaP: 1 dose REQUIRED
- Meningococcal: 1 dose REQUIRED. (Booster needed at age 16- recommended)
- Varicella: 2 doses REQUIRED (or verification of the disease)
- Hepatitis A: 2 doses REQUIRED for grades K-10
- Human Papilloma Virus (HPV): 2 doses if <15 years old at first dose, 3 doses if started after 15 years old. (recommended)
- Polio: 3 doses REQUIRED
- MMR: 2 doses REQUIRED
- Influenza: Every year during flu season (recommended) \*separate consent needed
- Other \_\_\_\_
- If you believe your child may have already received any of the above immunizations, please confirm with your child's primary care provider (PCP) and notify the SBHC.
- Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at . .
- Sincerely,
- - PARENT/GUARDIAN: PLEASE CHECK BOX, SIGN BELOW, AND RETURN TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER
- [] YES. I have reviewed the vaccine information sheets provided and give consent for my child to receive the vaccines noted above at the High School Based Health Center.
- [] Please check the box if you would like to be come in with your child when they receive the vaccines. If this box is not checked the vaccine (s) will be given during school hours.



### **HPV** vaccine

- SBHC see patients where they are, no travel time needed. Less missed school time, less time for guardians away from work
- We emphasis that this is a cancer preventing vaccine
- Great opportunity to review missed vaccines including HPV vaccine
- Consents sent home, if parent/guardian present it can be offered at moment of visit
- CHC EMR interacts with CT whiz so that it is updated, notes are faxed to outside PCP's

# CHC SBHC HPV Data

- School Year 21-22
- Total of 213 HPV vaccines given out
  - 100 female, (61 Medicaid, 18 private, 21 uninsured)
  - 112 male and 1 gender undefined (71 Medicaid, 10 private, 31 uninsured)



#### DPH Funded School Based Health Centers (SBHC) **HPV Vaccines**

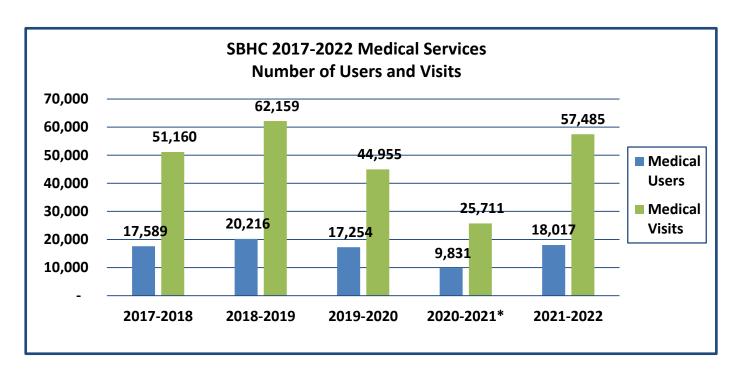
Data from the 2021-2022 School Year

- HPV vaccines 3,478
- 55 SBHC sites offer HPV Vaccines or 70.5% of all SBHC Medical sites
- 1,719 boys received one HPV vaccine
- 1,759 girls received one HPV vaccine

- SBHC sites HPV Vaccines
- 550 in one central high school
- 263 in one central middle school
- 261 in one southern high school
- 8 SBHC's have 100+ HPV Vaccines



# tilization of Medical Services



Source: SBHC Year-end reports. \*2020-2021 data were reduced due to COVID restrictions.

# Potential Future Projects

- Expanding HPV vaccination through partnership with the student community in schools
- Use of online vaccination consent forms
- Community events in schools

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