California School-Based Health Alliance

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Mission:
The California School-Based Health Alliance (CSHA) improves the health and academic success of children and youth by advancing health services in schools. We envision a day when all of California's children and youth are healthy and achieving at their full potential. Since hiring our first paid staff in 2003, CSHA has successfully grown to have an annual budget of more than $1,600,000 and 12 staff. We conduct policy work, promote the school-based health center (SBHC) model, and assist SBHCs with program development to expand and strengthen school health services. Our large network of collaborating partners includes 246 SBHCs, numerous school districts, federally qualified health centers and other providers, dozens of state and local policy organizations, and an e-communications network of more than 5,000 individuals. Our goal is to make school health centers an integral and sustainable part of the health care and educational systems. By putting health care where kids a...

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1. What are we aiming to accomplish?
CSHA's goal is increased access to effective school-based health services that contributes to all children and youth in California being healthy and achieving at their full potential in school and beyond.

2. What are our strategies for making this happen?
The strategies CSHA uses to help increase kids' access to effective school health services are: 1. Legislative and administrative public policy and advocacy 2. Training and technical assistance to support the start-up and implementation of school-based health services (e.g., toolkits, webinars) 3. Resource cultivation for school-based health services among private funders and industry partners 4. Outreach and communications to generate awareness, interest, and support for school-based health services 5. Annual conference and other initiatives to connect school-based health stakeholders and generate engagement and leadership for the statewide movement to bring health care to schools 6. Shaping the conversation about school-based health care within the context of health and education reform 7. Generating evidence to promote successful care delivery models in schools

3. What are our organization's capabilities for doing this?
CSHA is the organization leading California's school-based health care movement. Our work falls in to three key areas. We provide technical assistance to help schools and communities put health care where kids are -- at school. We develop tools and resources to help schools, clinics, and school-based health centers develop and strengthen school health programs. We also manage a number of special projects and learning collaboratives focusing on areas such as nutrition and fitness, youth leadership development, and outreach and enrollment. Our conference, webinars, tool kits, and technical assistance help school-based health centers offer high quality, age-appropriate care to kids. Our experts analyze the scope and impact of school-based health centers. We freely share best practices so kids can get the best care. We advocate for policies that improve access to high quality care for kids by making school-based health centers an integral part of the health care and education systems. Current policy initiatives include seeking re-authorization of the federal School Health Centers Act, shaping the role school-based health centers play in health care reform, and identifying ways to strengthen the role of school-based health centers in the education system. We conduct outreach to help expand awareness of the school-based health center model, generate school district interest in school-based health care, and build support for the school health movement.

4. How will we know if we're making progress?
CSHA's progress Indicators are: -An increasing number of SBHCs and school health services in California. -Adoption a school-based health model that results in: -Improved Access -Prevention and Population Health -Integrated and Individualized Support -True Collaboration between Health and Education Partners -Public policies that support the delivery of health services in schools and promote the school-based health model. -Integration of SBHCs and school health services into the health care delivery system. -Initiative of schools/ districts to expand health and mental health services

5. What have and haven't we accomplished so far?
The number of school health centers in California has doubled in the past 10 years since we hired our first paid staff, and recognition of this unique strategy for providing health care to youth has increased dramatically. There are now 231
school-based health centers in California - more than double the number that existed a decade ago. Another 34 schools are in the process of opening new health centers. Our other accomplishments include: • Helping secure $200 million for school health center capital grants and an authorization for a program to fund school health center operations in the Affordable Care Act. • Assisting 70 California sites in securing $30 million in federal grants which will result in 48 new school health centers. • Hosting a statewide conference for 500 school health stakeholders to learn about issues and challenges facing school health centers, network, and develop new expertise. • Sponsoring AB 174 to expand trauma-informed mental health services at schools. The bill was vetoed by the Governor who supported the program but felt that legislation was not required to establish it. • Launching a new program training youth to educate their peers and communities about the Health Exchange. During its first year, our Peer Health Insurance Rights and Education program (PHIRE) trained 31 youth who in turn educated more than 2,500 of their peers. • Receiving a grant from Covered California to engage a network of 12 school health centers and community health providers to educate young people about the Health Exchange. • Serving as a lead partner in the launch of All-In, a statewide campaign to encourage school districts to provide families with information about new health coverage options through the Affordable Care Act. • Developing resource materials on patient-centered medical home, adolescent patient experience, performance measures, electronic health records, adolescent-friendly services, and trauma-informed practices to improve the quality and sustainability of services in school health centers. • Hosting two conferences of 100 youth each for our Youth-2-Youth network that engages our youth board of high school graduates to mentor high school youth to be health advocates. • Engaging a growing list of school-health stakeholders in the movement to bring healthcare to kids at school. Our large network includes 231 SBHCs, numerous school districts, federally qualified health centers and other providers, dozens of state and local policy organizations, and an e-communications network of more than 3,500 contacts. • Providing technical guidance to the six West Contra Costa Unified School District high school health centers to improve their sustainability, impact and integration into the schools. One of our major goals that we have not yet accomplished is securing a state funding source for school-based health centers.