



Hours of service are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The School Based Clinic is closed when schools are closed; this includes holidays and summer months. After hour and weekend phones will be forwarded to an answering service. All clinic campuses are smoke free.

#### **PRIMARY GOAL:**

*TO PROVIDE CONVENIENT ACCESS TO PRIMARY AND PREVENTIVE CARE FOR STUDENTS WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE LIMITED OR NO ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE. TO MEET THE PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH NEEDS OF ADOLESCENTS AT THEIR SCHOOL SITE.*

*We strive to provide all of our children with the best quality care possible and take great pride in the education, training, and capabilities of each staff member.*

#### **Why School-Based Health Care ACCESS?**

Many students seen at the School Based Health Center would not receive health services otherwise. SBHC break down these barriers by providing all students with the care they need, regardless of their family's ability to pay. They are conveniently located on campus and staffed by clinicians who are experienced in adolescent health care.

- The family may lack medical insurance.
- The insurance policy of working parents may not cover their children or may only provide for catastrophic illness.
- Lack of transportation, especially in rural areas.
- Lack of familiarity with the health care system.

#### **CONTINUITY OF CARE**

The school based health center connects students with the health care system.

- Helps families find a primary care provider
- Helps families sign up for Medicaid
- Communicates about student's care with the primary care provider
- Carries out administration of therapies for chronic conditions

#### **PREVENTION**

Students receive prevention messages when visiting their health center.

SBHCs counsel students individually, in groups and through school wide education initiatives.

*What are some of the health messages SBHC's provide?*

- Tobacco and drug prevention
- Health eating/obesity counseling
- Exercise
- Emotional health
- Screening for chronic diseases such as asthma and diabetes

School based health centers are prevention focused so that health problems and risky behaviors can be caught early or prevented altogether. Prevention and early intervention make financial sense by reducing Medicaid expenditures and inappropriate emergency room use. But most importantly, prevention keeps kids healthy so that they can succeed in school.

#### **SCHOOL SUCCESS**

Students are treated quickly and problems caught early so they spend more time in class.

Studies show that school based health centers decrease absenteeism, tardiness and school discipline problems.

*What is a school based health (SBHC)?*

School based health centers are like a doctor's office in school. They provide quality primary and mental health services where kids are healthier, in school and ready to learn.

*What services are offered in an SBHC?*

The centers provide quality health care, including routine physical exams, diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illness, treatment of minor injuries,

and screenings and immunizations. They provide prevention messages and health education such as obesity counseling and tobacco prevention. They also provide or connect students with mental health services, including grief therapy, help with peer pressure, bullying and suicide prevention.

SBHCs offer services to all students attending school regardless of ability to pay.

SBHCs engage students, parents and community members in advisory councils that provide support for the center and opportunities for community service.

*Why is a School Based Health Clinic important?*

Teens are the only population in the United States that have experienced an increase in injuries and death in recent years. Unfortunately, teens also use health care services less frequently than any other age group and they are the least likely to seek medical care through traditional office based settings. SBHC provide students easy access to health care on the school campus. They offer confidential services to students in a familiar "teen friendly" setting and are designed to overcome barriers that discourage youth from using health services.

The SBHC wants to be able to open the doors to better health care by listening to parents and children and by responding to the changing needs of families by providing high quality health care because children matter.



## WE HAVE MUCH TO OFFER....

### Services include:

- Well-child exams & sports physicals
  - Diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illness
  - Treatment of minor injuries
  - Physical health screening and counseling
  - Immunizations
  - HIV/STD screening and counseling
  - Communication with the student's primary care provider
  - Prevention messages
    - Tobacco/Drug prevention
    - Healthy eating/Obesity counseling
    - Exercise counseling
    - Emotional health
    - High risk behaviors and Injury prevention
    - Suicide prevention
    - Bullying
  - Behavioral health screenings
  - Behavioral health counseling
  - Connecting students with outside providers and resources
  - Medicaid applications
- One on one patient education, primary and preventive care
- Group/targeted education at the center
- Family and community health education
- Support for comprehensive health education in the classroom provided in areas such as:
- Substance use prevention/cessation
  - Intentional and unintentional injury prevention
  - Nutrition
  - Social skills development
  - Death and dying issues
  - Violence prevention
  - STD/HIV/AIDS prevention
  - Relationships based on self-esteem, mutual respect
  - General parenting skills
- Chronic disease prevention (smoking cessation/prevention, heart disease, osteoporosis)

## MISSION STATEMENT

*To continually improve its ability to identify and eliminate the unique health disparities of the students of St. Mary Parish. The students will be provided safe, quality, culturally competent, comprehensive primary and preventive health care services, regardless of race, ethnic origin, age, sex or religion.*

## VISION STATEMENT

*Teche Action Board, Inc. will become the leader in the delivery of safe, quality comprehensive primary and preventive health care that will be recognized and acknowledged on a local, state and national level. We will be known as a caring, culturally competent, responsive institution where all students who seek health services shall come. We will have a caring, sensitive staff and a barrier free facility in which to provide these services and at the end of the day, both patients and staff will know that they were able to provide or receive the best medical services needed at the time.*

*If you have any questions or concerns about the SBHC, please call our main site at 337-828-2550 and ask to speak to someone in administration.*

*If you have any concerns about patient care and safety at Teche Action Board, Inc. facilities, we encourage you to contact the organization's management. If the concerns in question cannot be resolved at this level, please contact the Joint Commission at*

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Office of Quality Monitoring  
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations  
One Renaissance Boulevard  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181  
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Faxed to 630/792-5636  
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# Teche Action Clinic School-Based Health Centers

## Satellite clinics of Teche Action Board, Inc.

*A Federally Qualified Health Center*



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