

School-based Health Centers



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School-based Health Center (SBHC) is a health clinic that:

- is located in a public school facility where students are primarily located;
- is organized through school, community, and local health provider relationships; and
- offers primary health services to children and school staff provided by health professionals in accordance with State and local law, including laws relating to licensure and certification.

(<http://bphc.hrsa.gov/programopportunities/fundingopportunities/sbhcc/index.html>)



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Benefits of a SBHC:

- Provides basic physical and mental health services, as well as other services such as dental
- Provides services beyond the scope of practice of the school nurse and is not intended to replace the school nurse, but rather compliment the school nurse's services
- Serves as a resource for ARKids enrollment
- Connects students and families to local resources for wellness and disease prevention



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Intended Impact on Educational Outcomes:

- Reduction in absenteeism rate, student and staff
- Reduction in funds used for substitute teacher pay
- Decrease in ISS/OSS and disciplinary referrals
- Decrease in dropout rate

Source: American Public Health Association, Center for School, Health and Education



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Intended Impact on Educational Outcomes con' t:

- Increase in high school graduation rate
- Increase in standardized test scores
- Overall improvement in academic success

Source: American Public Health Association, Center for School, Health and Education



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The Arkansas School-based Health Center Grant is a competitive application process made possible and supported by Arkansas' Governor and the Arkansas Tobacco Excise Tax created by Arkansas Act 180 of 2009.

The funds are awarded to Arkansas School Districts to be used to promote health, wellness, and academic achievement in Arkansas' public schools.

The program is administered by the Arkansas Department of Education and is a collaboration of the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) Office of School Health Services (SHS), Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), and Medicaid In The Schools (ARMITS).

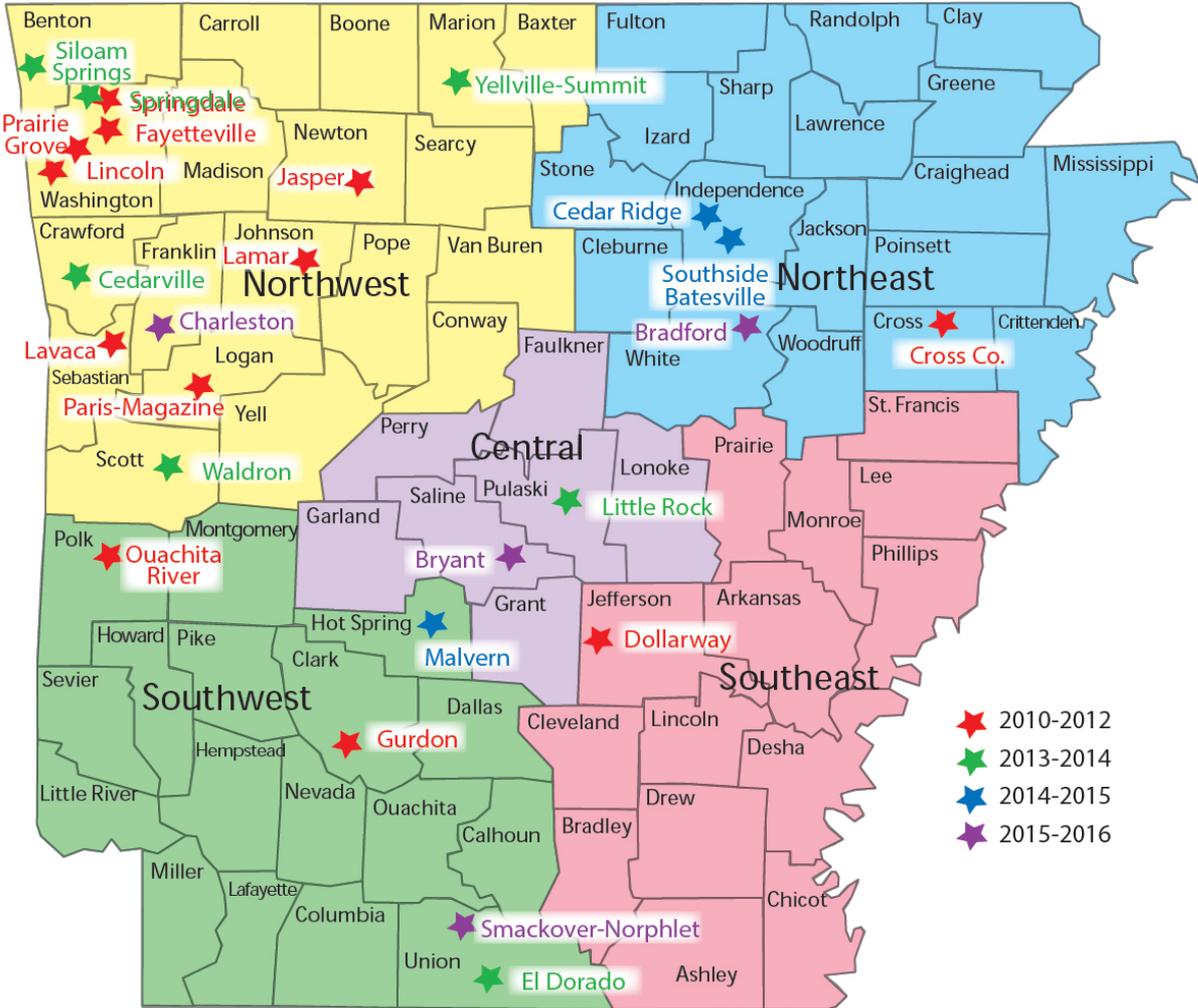


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- **Eligible Applicants:**
 - All Arkansas public schools are eligible to apply, unless the district is a current school-based health center funding recipient. Only one school-based health center per district may be funded by the ADE during a five year funding cycle.
- **Grant/Award Guidelines**
 - Applicants intending to create a new health center on school campus may apply for up to \$150,000 for the first year funding. The SBHC grant recipients will receive an annual distribution of funds for a five year period.



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Access to Care: Services provided 2015

School District	Campus	Medical	Mental Health	Dental	Vision
Bradford *	K-12				
Bryant*	Bryant Elem				
Cedar Ridge *	Elem	✓	✓		
Cedarville	K-12	✓	✓	✓	✓
Charleston*	K-12				
Cross County	K-12	✓	✓		
Dollarway	RJM Middle	✓	✓		
El Dorado	Washington Middle	✓	✓	✓	
Fayetteville	Owl Creek Elem	✓	✓		
Gurdon	High School	✓	✓	✓	
Jasper	K-12	✓	✓	✓	
Lamar	K-12	✓	✓		
Lavaca	K-12	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lincoln	K-12	✓	✓		
Little Rock	Franklin Elem	✓	✓	✓	✓
Magazine	K-12	✓	✓	✓	✓
Malvern *	High School				
Ouachita River	K-12	✓	✓	✓	
Paris	K-12	✓	✓	✓	
Prairie Grove	K-12	✓	✓	✓	✓
Siloam Springs	Middle School	✓	✓		
Smackover-Norphlet*	K-12				
Southside Batesville	Elem	✓	✓		
Springdale	Jones Elem	✓	✓		
Springdale	George Elem	✓	✓		
Waldron	K-12	✓	✓	✓	
Yellville	High School	✓	✓		
*new grantees/renovation underway					
OR and Waldron dental services school-linked					



Common Characteristics

- Located in schools or on school grounds
- Work cooperatively within the school to become an integral part of the school environment
- Provide a comprehensive range of services that meet the specific physical and behavioral health needs of the young people in the community
- Employ a multidisciplinary team of providers to care for the students: which may include nurse practitioners, registered nurses, physician assistants, social workers, physicians, alcohol and drug counselors, or other health professionals



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- Local healthcare providers, such as a hospitals, health departments, or medical practices, provide staff to deliver services to children enrolled in the school-based health center
- Require parents to sign written consents for their children to receive the full scope of services provided at the SBHC
- Have an advisory board consisting of community representatives, parents, youth, and family organizations, to provide planning and oversight
- Employs a district School-based Health Center Coordinator, that is housed in the center and serves as a liaison between the school and health partners



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- For details regarding the ADE grant requirements and guidelines or for more information about SBHCs visit:

www.arkansased.gov/divisions/learning-services/school-health-services/school-based-health-center

