

# **Visit a CAHC**In Your Community

Did you know that CAHCs are located in 47% of Michigan's counties? It's likely there is a center located in your very own community.

Call SCHA-MI at 1-517-908-0847 to find out what centers are in your community and we will help you plan a visit.

Learn more at www.scha-mi.org







### Healthy Kids Learn Better





#### Who We Are

The School-Community Health
Alliance of Michigan (SCHA-MI) is a
leader in children's health. It serves
as the state association for the
Michigan's 124 child and adolescent
health centers, serving over 200,000
students annually.

It's been proven that when kids are healthy, they are more effective in the classroom. Child and adolescent health centers (CAHCs) allow kids to receive primary care health services without missing class time. The centers are located in areas where families are economically disadvantaged and struggle to access medical services.

We support these centers in two key ways: By being their voice in Lansing and Washington, and by providing technical assistance and support to the field.

## **Advocacy**

Advocacy is one of the main ways in which we support CAHCs. Our goal is to build long-term relationships with legislators whose priorities include health, education, and child well-being.

## **Funding**

A majority of CAHCs are partially funded through the state funding. This funding allows us to serve a significant number of underserved families that would otherwise have limited options in accessing primary care services.





#### **Awareness Month**

Every February we celebrate National School -Based Health Care Awareness Month. It's a great opportunity to learn more about centers and the work they do.

#### **Youth Advocacy Day**

Following Awareness Month, we host
Advocacy Day in March for advocates,
clients, and practitioners of CAHCs. Around
100 teenagers visit the capitol in Lansing to
meeting their legislators and talk about how
they have been impacted by school-based
health care. It's also a great opportunity for
students to learn about the legislative
process and how government works.