



Is a School-Based Health Center a good fit for our community?

\$25 million

is available to establish new school-based health centers

100

new centers can be established with FY23 funding

45

counties in Michigan without a school-based health center

The **School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan (SCHA-MI)** is the association for school-based health center programs in Michigan. We want to help you navigate the RFP process if you're considering applying to establish a school-based health center within your community.

What models of care are available?

1. Full Clinical School-Based (primary care, and mental health IN one school)
2. Full Clinical School-Linked (primary care, and mental health NOT on school property)
3. School-Wellness (nurse (NOT primary care), and mental health, time split in up to 2 schools)

Is it a good fit in our community?

This is a decision that should be made with the help of community stakeholders including: the sponsoring agency, school partners, including teachers and support staff, parent/guardians, health department, community leaders such as judicial justice, police, community mental health, and anyone else consistently working with children and youth.

What requirements must we fulfill?

There are minimum program requirements that need to be met, in terms of numbers of patients that need to be seen each year. These requirements will not be met if the health center program is not embraced by parent/guardians, students, and school staff. Consent is needed to be seen in the health center, and if families do not want their child to be seen at the health center, or if staff is not willing to work with the health center on releasing a child from class for appointments, then it might not be a good fit.

What else should I know before applying?

- The \$25 million is ongoing funding, not one-time COVID funds.
- Extra points during the RFP process will be given to the 45 counties where there are currently no state-funded school-based health programs.
- But, many applications will come from counties that already have programs because of the need that exists in those communities.
- Another large funding increase in the near future is unlikely. If you're debating whether to apply, don't wait until next year. Apply now!

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