**What is the New York School-Based Health Alliance?**

The Alliance represents **230 School-Based Health Centers** (SBHCs) throughout New York State, serving over **168,000 students** at **every grade level**. About **two-thirds** of them live in the **New York City area** and altogether about **one quarter are uninsured**.

**NYSBHA Mission:**

The Alliance’s mission is to create **access** to **comprehensive, high-quality primary care, including medical, mental, oral, and community health services, for all children** **and youth** statewide through school-based health centers by: advocating for supporting policies; promoting high-quality service delivery; increasing understanding of the school based model; and promoting growth and expansion of school-based health centers.

**The Value of School-Based Health Centers:**

SBHCs represent cost-effective investments of public resources.

Studies have shown that **SBHCs**

* decrease absenteeism and tardiness
* reduce inappropriate emergency room use
* increase the use of mental health services
* improve attendance and reduce hospitalization of children with asthma

**How can you HELP?**

**Join us** and help advocate to your local and statewide policy makers about **SBHCs**

 **Your membership and active involvement** play an essential role in the Alliance’s ability to achieve its vision of

**"Healthy Children, Healthy Teens, Healthy Schools."**

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