

Implementing Comprehensive Health Services in Schools

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Educating the Whole Child



Session Goals and Objectives:

- To understand how partnerships with power can help you accomplish your mission of educating the whole child
- To learn how school-based health centers work to achieve that goal
- To witness the impact that the centers have had on students in a school setting
- How to establish a School-Based Health Center

Demographics

Albany-Dougherty County

- 87,956 people
- 23% are under the age of 18
- 27% poverty rate

DCSS

- FTE: 13,454
- Two thirds of students are direct certs for government benefits
- Graduation Rate: 83.3%

Educating the Whole Child

- Modern education is more than about meeting only academic needs:
 - Requires addressing non-academic barriers such as food insecurity, homelessness, personal health, safety and security
 - Non-Academic challenges can keep students out of school or hinder their ability to learn. District philosophy applies Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs theory to Education

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs:



Maslow's Hierarchy of **School** Needs



Steve Guditus

Poll Question

Does your district struggle with students' access to basic services such as health care?

Source: U.S. Census

Educating the Whole Child

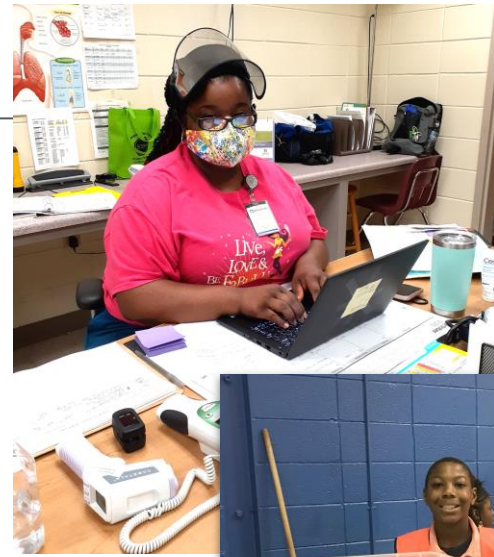
- Intentional steps to address student and family needs:
 - Creation of a Family Resource and Support Center
 - One stop shop for critical needs
 - Allows parents to get services from key partners that range from social workers to literacy, GED support
 - Albany Tech partnership for job placement/career center for parents

Educating the Whole Child

- Integrating programs designed to help “the Whole Child”
 - Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)
 - Restorative Practices pilot in schools
 - Third meal, summer meal programs and Helping Hands program to address food insecurity

Educating the Whole Child

- Existing partnerships help address non-academic needs:
 - ASPIRE, AAPHC, Helping Hands, Phoebe Network of Trust, faith-based organizations

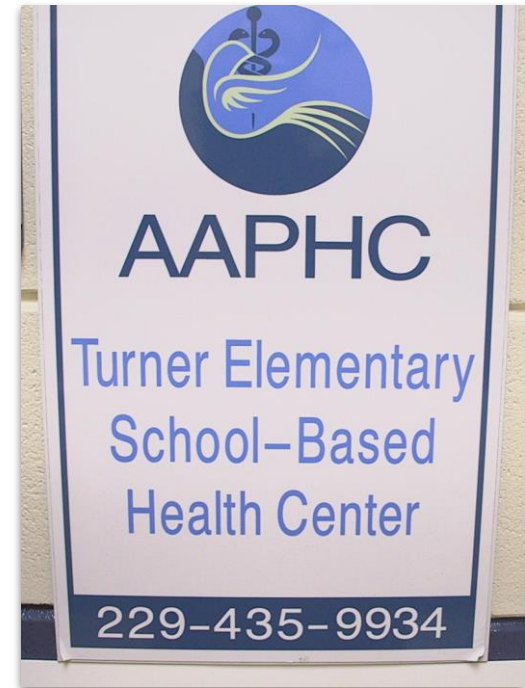


School-Based Health Centers



School-Based Health Centers

- Centers were born out of a joint desire to help underserved families with healthcare needs while also reducing lost instructional time.
 - Partnered with AAPHC to launch the first center in 2013 at Turner Elementary School



School-Based Health Centers

FEATURED

Inside Robert Harvey's newest clinic

School clinic offers exams, lab tests, medication

By Jada Haynes

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At Robert Harvey Elementary School's new wrap-around clinic, Nurse Practitioner Kathleen Harvey checks a student's ear. (Staff Photo: Jada Haynes)

More school health centers prepare to open in Southwest Ga.



This month, Albany Area Primary Health Care will celebrate grand-openings of two new school health centers.

September 9, 2016 at 7:17 PM EDT - Updated July 2 at 8:55 AM



Students can get check-ups and other medical care there. (Source: WALB)

ALBANY, GA (WALB) - Some South Georgia children are getting their primary healthcare during school hours, and more of these school-based health centers are opening this month.

Turner Elementary School in Dougherty County was the first health center opened by Albany Area Primary Health Care.

Students can get check-ups and other medical care there.

The Breakdown: AAPHC keeps school health center open as students enter virtual classrooms

The Breakdown with Damon Arnold

August 7, 2020 at 7:29 PM EDT - Updated August 7 at 7:29 PM



Your School-Based Health Center, still here to serve you.

The kids may be learning at home, but we can still take care of their healthcare needs on-site or virtually at two of our local school-based clinics in Dougherty County.

THE BREAKDOWN

Robert Elementary School-Based Health Center

Albany-Cochran Elementary School-Based Health Center

AAPHC Keeps School Health Centers Open As Students Enter Virtual Classrooms

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Poll Questions:

Have you ever heard of school-based health centers prior to this presentation?



From the Health Center Perspective:

Partnering for Success

AAPHC History

- Corporation initially established in 1978 and current institution was incorporated in 1979.
- Grant to develop clinic in Lee County was based on thesis project regarding lack of care for women and babies in the community, particularly prenatal care. AAPHC did not implement OB services until 2009...thirty years later.
- AAPHC had three locations in 1982 and has grown to include 17 clinical locations, 7 SBHC sites, 3 adjunct facilities, and 1 administrative site



AAPHC
Albany Area
Primary Health Care

The 4 A's for Health Centers

- **Available** - We have services and support services for the community we are trying to serve.
- **Affordable** - We have fees comparable to the area; acceptance too of Medicare, Medicaid, and other third party insurance, as well as offering reduced fees for eligible patients.
- **Acceptable** - The services we provide are needed and meet the perceived needs of the area. The community is willing to utilize the services.
- **Accessible** - We are located in the service area and there are adequate means for the service population to avail themselves of our services. Some examples which can readily be identified are the bus service for patients in Albany, as well as, our proximity to the patients in the census tracts to be served.

State Statistics - 2018-2019

- Georgia ranks 38th in the nation overall for child well-being
- 24th in country for childhood obesity (at 14.9% of 10-17 year olds obese)
- 14% of adolescents had significant episodes of depression during the past 12 months
- 20% of Georgia children live in poverty

AAPHC SBHC Statistics

- Number of school-aged kids served – 10,445
- Most common diagnoses for kids:
 - Asthma
 - Obesity
 - Allergies (Allergic Rhinitis)
- Kids on Medicaid (*includes ages 0-17*) - 10,066



Statistical Objectives of a SBHC

- School-based health clinics effectively address the needs of the underserved through:
 - Increased access to quality health care
 - Improved health outcomes
 - Decreased health care costs
 - Improved school attendance
 - Improved academic performance



Turner Elementary SBHC

- Approximately 500 students
- Approximately 50 Faculty & Staff
- Grades K-5
- 99% free and reduced lunch
- Over 90% African American
- Less than 5% utilize English as a Second Language



SBHC- What do they do?

- Consent forms distributed prior to start-up
- Promotional activities (i.e. Adult Health Month)
- Wellness Campaigns (Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations)
- COVID-19 Testing
- Focus on Well Child Exams for all engaged students
- Poster Contests & Prizes for Students
- School Activity Involvement (PTO, etc.)
- Relationship with School Administrator(s)
- Faculty/Staff Engagement
- Hallways to Health Grant
- Other Opportunities (SHAPE Grant)
- Annual Health Fair Event



SBHC Engagement

- District Wellness Committee – Dougherty County
 - Committee resurrected and is chaired by Physician Assistant with AAPHC that is provider at Turner Elementary SBHC
 - Campaigned to get 20 minutes of recess per day for students in grade K-5
- Data Extraction
 - School system provides attendance data and other relevant data to evaluate success of programs
 - Encounter data can help estimate attendance improvement



SBHC and DCSS (*Wrap Around Services*)

- All students have access to the school based health centers. Transportation provided by the DCSS on a daily basis.
- Behavioral Health- Teletherapy setup in all the middle schools.
- AAPHC Mobile Units coming soon- will help more with attendance (seat time for the students)
- Pediatric Summer Behavioral Health Program



SBHC Quality and Sustainability

- Establishing Health Outcomes Benchmarks
 - Asthma
 - Asthma Severity
 - Asthma Assessment
 - Asthma Action Plan
 - Pharmacological Therapy
 - Annual Flu Vaccine
 - Obesity
 - BMI
 - Blood Pressure
 - Lipid Profile
 - Hemoglobin A1c
 - Health Maintenance
 - # Health Checks
 - Screenings for Behavioral Health/Development
 - Immunizations





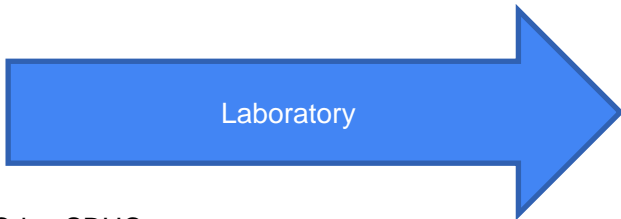
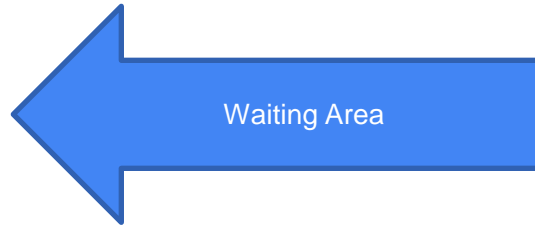
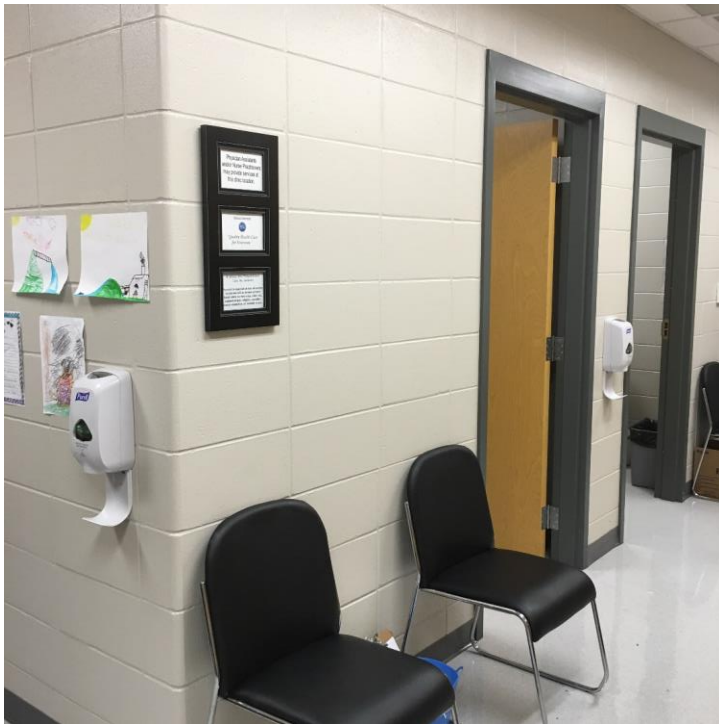
Construction
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Turner Elementary SBHC



Renovated Space for Dental Services at
Turner Elementary





Crisp SBHC



Exam Rooms

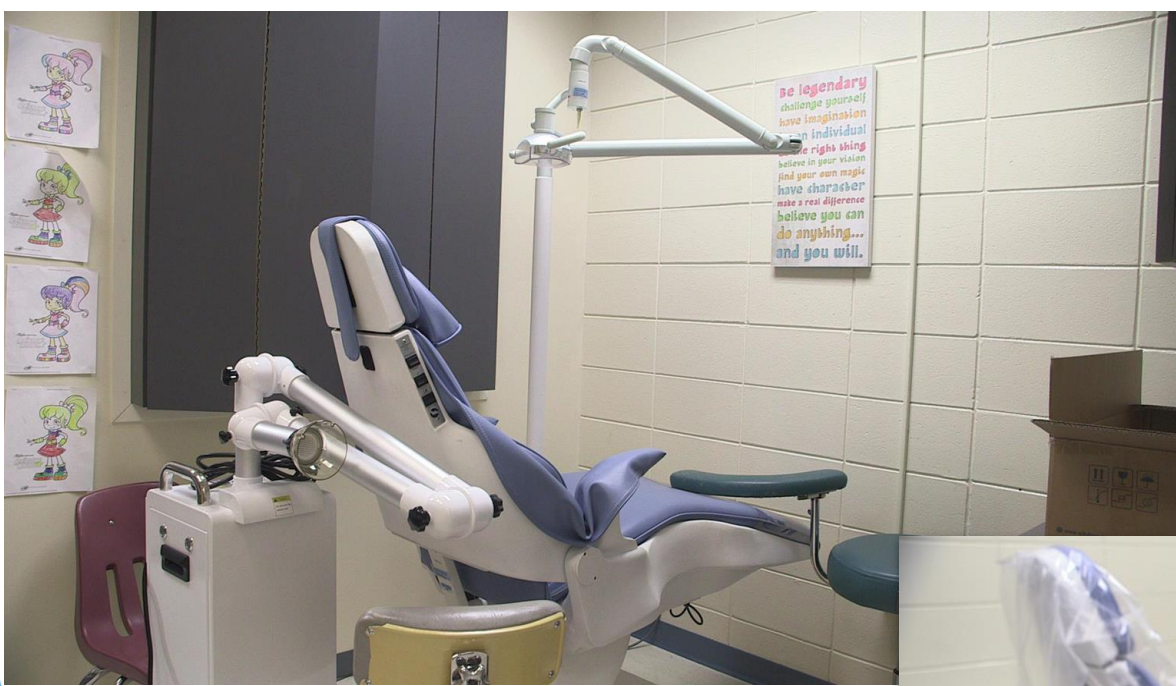


Alice Coachman SBHC



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Turner Dental SBHC





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TURNER ELEMENTARY SBHC OPEN HOUSE



“WHAT HEALTHY MEANS TO ME” – ART CONTEST



CONTEST WINNERS ART DISPLAY



SBHC HEALTH FAIRS



PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES



How to Start Your Own Center

How to Start Your Own Center

- Best to use a Federally Qualified Health Center
 - Georgia Primary Care Association has information on FQHCs and location
- Contact Georgia School-Based Health Alliance - <http://gasbha.org/>
 - Dr. Veda Johnson
- Budgets and Building Space

Poll Question

Do you believe your students lose instructional time due to non-academic barriers?

Source: U.S. Census

Impact on School Operations

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Principal, Turner Elementary School

School-Based Health Centers

- Eliminates access barrier to healthcare:
 - Center has improved overall student health which is a top priority
 - Allows students to avoid missing time away from school
- Provides a valuable resource for families
- Provides a convenient option for DCSS employees



*Photo was taken Pre-Pandemic

Looking Ahead:

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Continued Focus on Student Health

- Vaccination Drives
 - Already partnered with AAPHC and Phoebe Putney Health System for employee vaccination clinics
 - Using Mobile Vaccination Units to give out vaccines to eligible students during Summer Learning Program
 - Establishing student vaccination days where we use our schools as a base to deliver vaccines.

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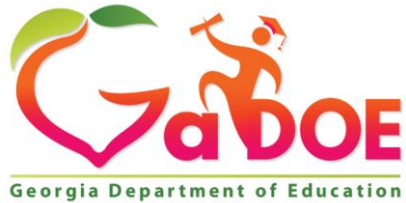


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