

City of Danbury School Based Health Centers



“Healthy Kids Make Better Learners”

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Clinic Locations:

Danbury High School
Broadview Middle School
Rogers Park Middle School



Mission:

To provide access to high quality, comprehensive physical and mental health services while being accessible, confidential, culturally sensitive and developmentally appropriate. The SBHCs are built upon mutual respect and collaboration between the school and health provider to promote the health and educational success of school-aged children, and involve students as responsible participants in their health care, while encouraging the role of parents and other family members.

SBHC "101"

- Financially supported by a mix of state, local, in-kind, and private donations
- Licensed by the State of CT Dept. of Public Health as Outpatient Clinics
- Staffed by a Multi-disciplinary team of professionals including Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Social Worker, Medical/Office Assistant and Clinic Coordinator
- Work with school staff, nursing staff and social work staff to extend level of care to all students
- Address physical, emotional and behavioral health issues and foster learning readiness and academic achievement
- Strong emphasis on health promotion/disease prevention
- Require parental permission for students to access services

SBHC's Importance in Shaping a Child's Readiness to Learn

Educators know all too well that poor health has a direct and negative impact on students' success in school

It's an undisputable fact: a healthy child is a teachable child

Opening school doors to health care opens pathways to children's educational attainment and lifelong well-being

Early diagnosis and treatment = less missed school days



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Health surveillance and preventive services catch health problems early and promote a healthier, safer student body

Medical care delivered in SBHC's help students with chronic and acute conditions cope with disease – and gets them back to the classroom faster

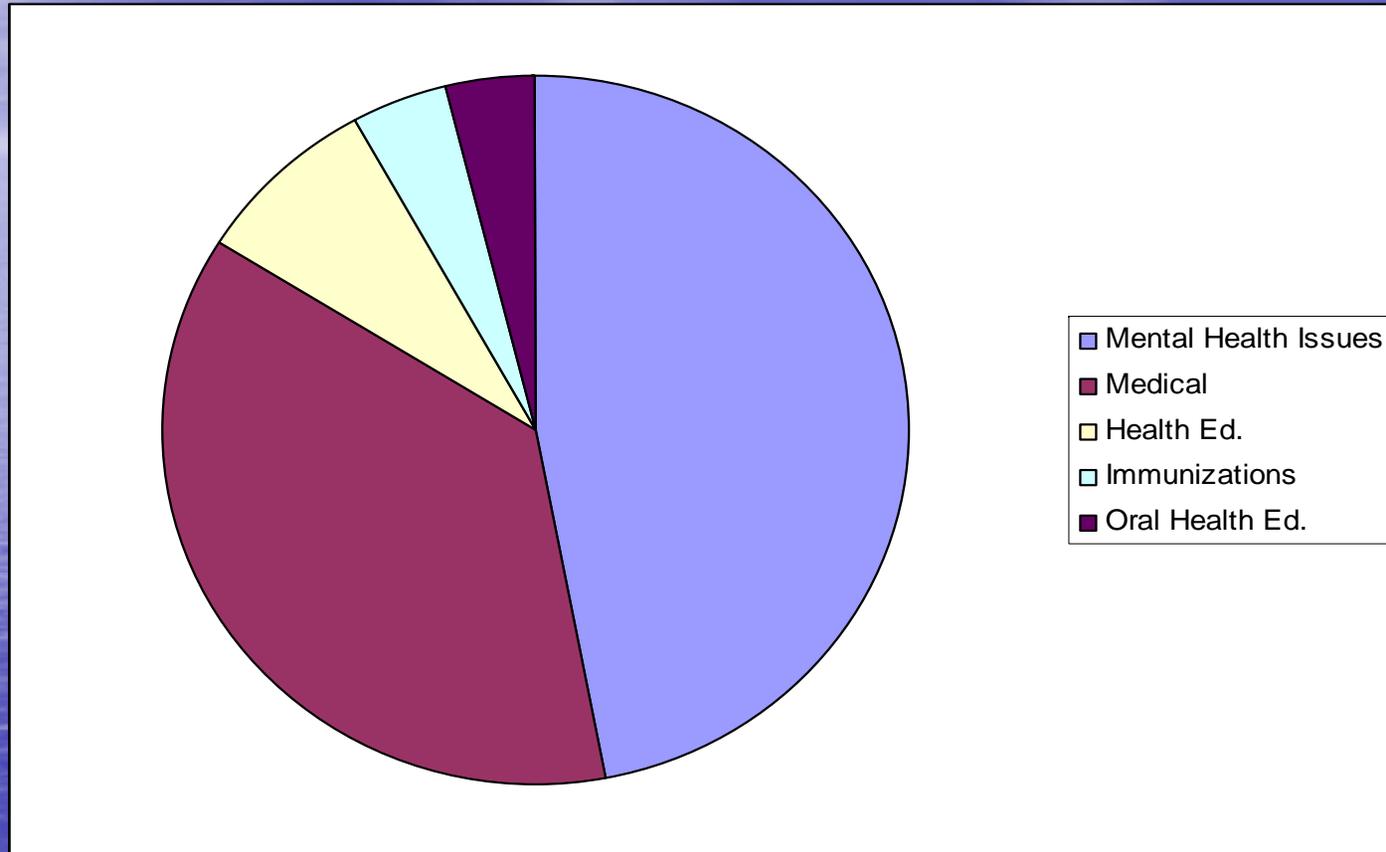
Mental health services focus on improving students emotional well-being, and decreasing high-risk, health compromising behaviors such as drug, alcohol and tobacco use

Engaging families in the health care treatment process facilitates compliance to care and better outcomes

Combined Service/Utilization Data (for program period 09/01/08 – 06/30/09)*:

Total Number of Enrolled Students (signed parental permission forms on file):	3,441
Percent (%) of total Enrolled in SBHC vs. Total Student Population (for all schools combined):	71%
Total Number of Unduplicated Users:	1,249
Total Number of Patient Visits:	5,060
Unduplicated number of students receiving public health preventive and/or risk reduction education this quarter (cumulative)	4,891

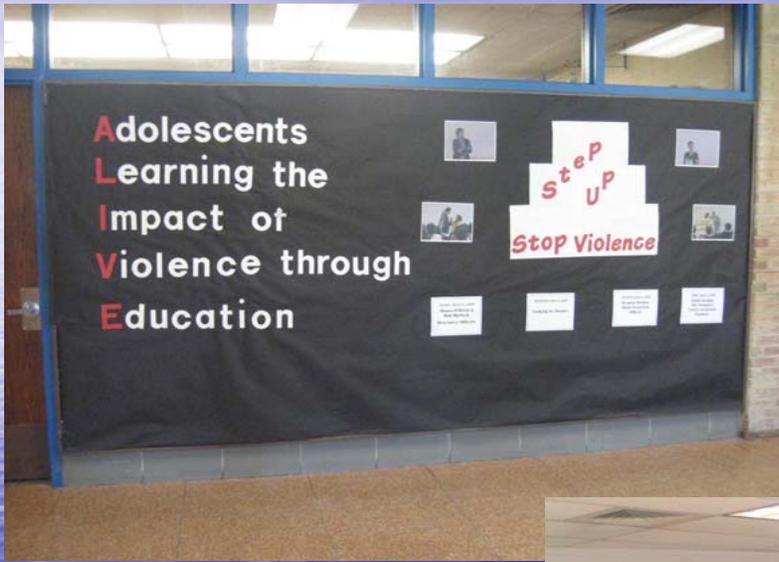
Top Ten Reasons for Visits by Diagnosis Codes (All Sites Combined)*:



*The data contained in the July report reflects services program FY 2008 – 2009 for all sites combined.

SBHC School-wide Prevention Efforts

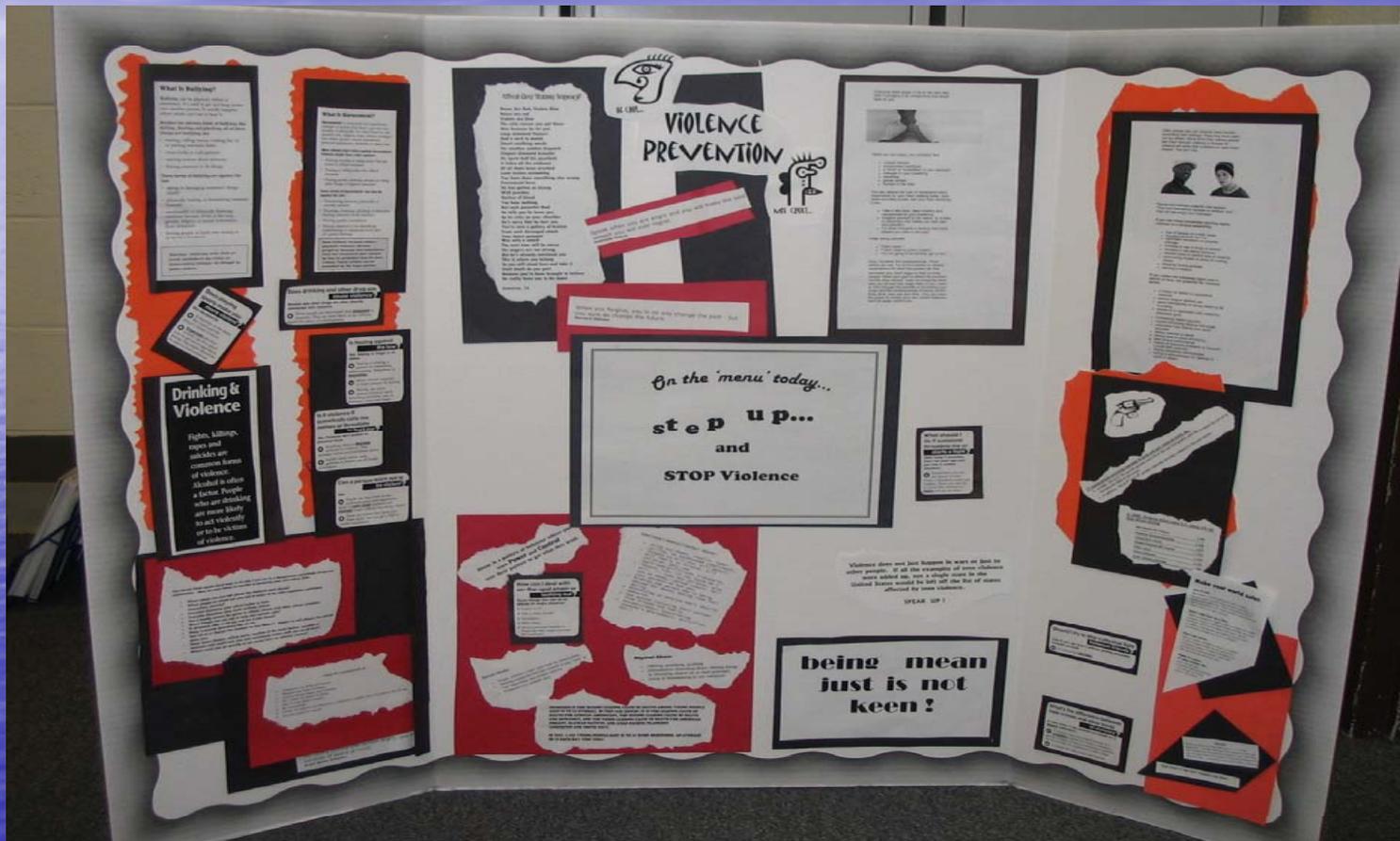
“ALIVE” Week (Adolescents Learning the Impact of Violence Through Education) – anti-violence focus



“Bloom Where You Are Planted” Week – RPMS antiviolence activities in conjunction with the Purple Hand Pledge Committee



Dine and Discover with the School Based Health Center – monthly health promotion & outreach at DHS





Student Satisfaction Survey 2009

Purpose

To collect data on the impact of the SBHC on the user's health care.

Sample

Students grades 6 -12, ages 11 – 20

Survey conducted during a four week period (May 2009)

147 respondents: 49 male (33% male) 98 female (67%)

Findings

Who did you see for a visit?

Nurse Practitioner: 60% Social Work: 28% Dental
Hygienist: 8% Dentist: 1% Other: 3%

About how many visits have you made to the health center
this school year?

1st visit: 18% 2-5 visits: 35%
6 – 10 visits: 16% > 10 visits: 28%

How would you rate the care you received at the Health
Center today?

Excellent: 80% Good: 18% Okay: 2%
Poor: 0%

I have learned some new health habits through my visit(s) here.

Yes: 78% No: 13% Don't Know: 1%
1st visit: 8%

I have changed some of my behaviors by coming to the SBHC?

Yes: 78% No: 22%

Will you continue to use the Health Center for your health care?

Yes: 95% No: 4% Not sure: 1%

Do you have health insurance?

Yes: 51% No: 17% Don't Know: 32%

Expansion of School Based Health Center Oral Health Services in the City of Danbury



2003, Danbury Public School System – 5 year funding from the Connecticut Health Foundation to increase access to dental care services for HUSKY enrolled/eligible children in the Danbury Public School system;

All preschool and elementary school-aged children receive yearly preventive screenings, and HUSKY eligible students requiring sealants or restorative care are treated at a fixed location (South Street School), or on-site through mobile dental services.

Significant achievements in increasing access to preventative and restorative dental services to Elementary school-aged children, **services for middle school and high school aged children have been virtually non-existent.**



2008 - City of Danbury submitted a grant application to the CT DPH for *SBHC Enhancement Grant Funding* to increase access for the underserved and uninsured middle and high school population through SBHCs.

2009 – SBHC began piloting on-site dental services during limited hours at the School Based Health Center at Broadview Middle School, through a sub-contractual arrangement with the Danbury Public School Oral Health Collaborative.

Utilizing the *Open Wide* program, the SBHC Nurse Practitioner identified students in greatest need for oral health care services.

Utilizing data from the pilot program, the City of Danbury applied for and received \$233,017,092 in funding from State DSS Dental Improvement Initiative RFA to expand oral health care services both middle schools and high school.

