



School-Aged Children

School-aged children are another population that receives special attention and funding from HRSA. In 2013, there were over 73 million Americans under the age of 18, including over 1 million Louisianans. In order to better serve the health needs of this population, HRSA funds School Based Health Centers (SBHCs). These health centers are located in schools or on school grounds, and employ a multidisciplinary team of health care providers who deliver comprehensive care that meets the specific physical and behavioral health needs of young people.

In 2013, HRSA-funded SBHCs served 479,670 patients throughout the US, including 9,172 patients at the 27 FQHCs that operate SBHCs in Louisiana. They received their care at 27 FQHCs located throughout the state. The funding to establish and expand a number of these SBHCs has come through the School-Based Health Center Capital (SBHCC) Program, from which Louisiana's FQHCs have received approximately \$4,971,300. To learn more about this program's purpose and impact, as well as SBHCs in general, please visit:

<http://www.bphc.hrsa.gov/about/schoolbased/index.html>

The School Based Health Alliance is also a great resource for information and technical assistance regarding SBHCs. To learn more, please visit:

<http://www.sbh4all.org/site/c.ckLQKbOVLkK6E/b.7453519/k.BEF2/Home.htm>