

## **Colorado Association for School-Based Health Care**

The mission statement of the Colorado Association for School-Based Health Care (CASBHC) is simple and right to the point: Keeping children healthy, in school, and ready to learn.

CASBHC was established in 1996 and is affiliated with the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care in Washington, D.C. Currently, there are 43 school-based health centers in Colorado. In 2007-2008, new centers were opened in Montrose, Durango, Lamar, Basalt and Lakewood.

School-based health centers (SBHC) emphasize prevention, as well as early identification and treatment of physical, dental and mental health concerns. Services may differ from one SBHC to another, but a sampling may include care for acute illness and injury, care for chronic conditions such as asthma and diabetes, and preventive dental care, including dental cleaning and sealants. Other services might include sports physicals, immunizations, alcohol and drug abuse counseling, tobacco cessation and prevention, and mental health assessment and treatment, and weight gain and obesity management.

SBHCs are located on school grounds and staffed by a multi-disciplinary team of medical and behavioral health specialists. At some school-based health centers, dental professionals are also part of the multi-disciplinary team.

The health centers serve students whose have limited access to health care. In 2006-2007, the health insurance status of users was 45% uninsured, 32% Medicaid, 12% private insurance, 6% Child Health Plan Plus and 5% unknown.

CASBHC maintains offices in Denver and is headed by Deborah Costin, executive director. Donna Shocks is the current president of the 13-member board of directors and Claudia Imes is vice president of the board.

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