

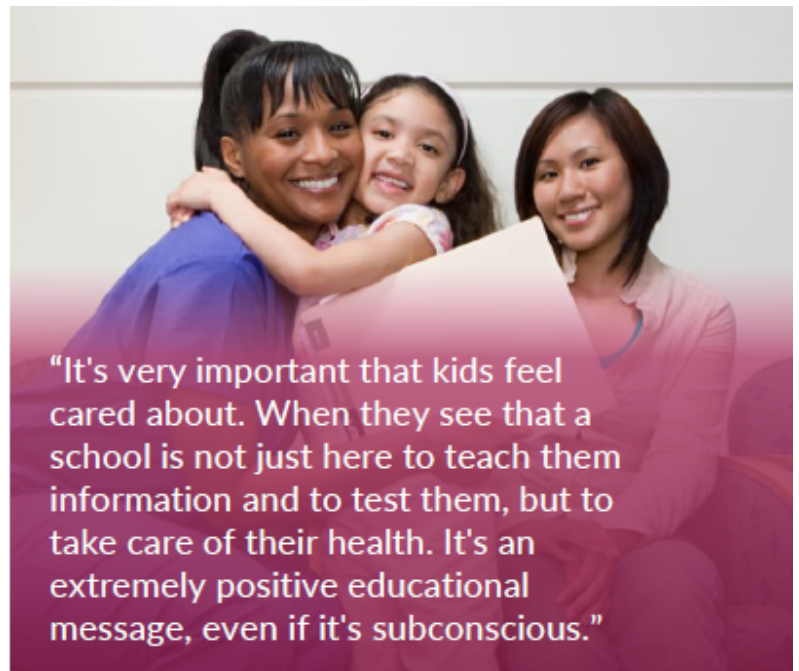
Evaluation of the Impact of School-Based Health Centers - Report Brief

*The Evaluation of the Impact of School-Based Health Centers, an independent report conducted by ORS Impact, found that **SBHCs increase healthcare access and improve health outcomes by reducing or removing many of the barriers experienced by the students, families, and communities they serve.***

The Greater Cincinnati region has been a national leader in SBHCs with 43 centers open across the community. The services they provide include:

- Primary care
- Behavioral health
- Dental care at 13+ sites
- Vision care at 7+ sites.




School-Based Health Centers provide care for both students, their families **and surrounding communities.**



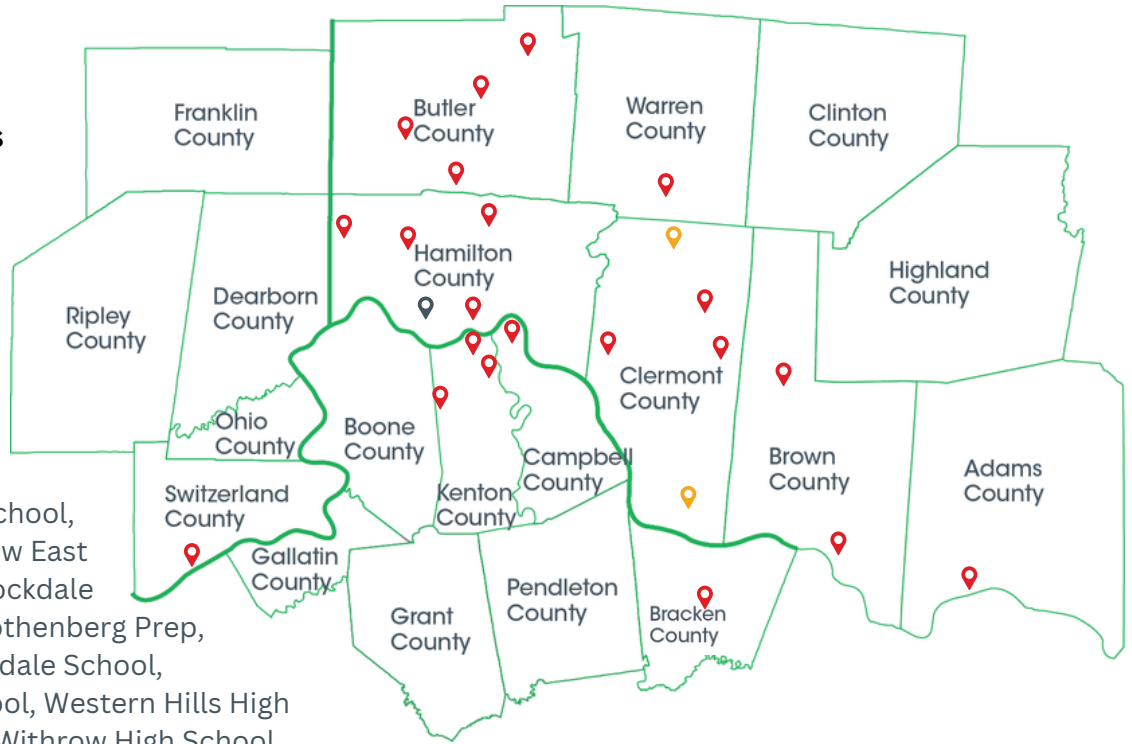
The report found the following:

- An **81% increase in the number of SBHC sites** since 2015 (21 sites to 43 sites).
- More than **5x increase in patients served since 2015.**
- Near doubling of behavioral health visits and vision users since 2017.
- Near doubling of dental users since 2019.
- Average consent rates of 67% at school-serving sites, **30% of which have consent rates over 80%.**
- **Student vaccination rates far exceeded national targets of 80%;** they averaged 96% before the COVID-19 pandemic (2015-2018) and 86% in 2019-2022.

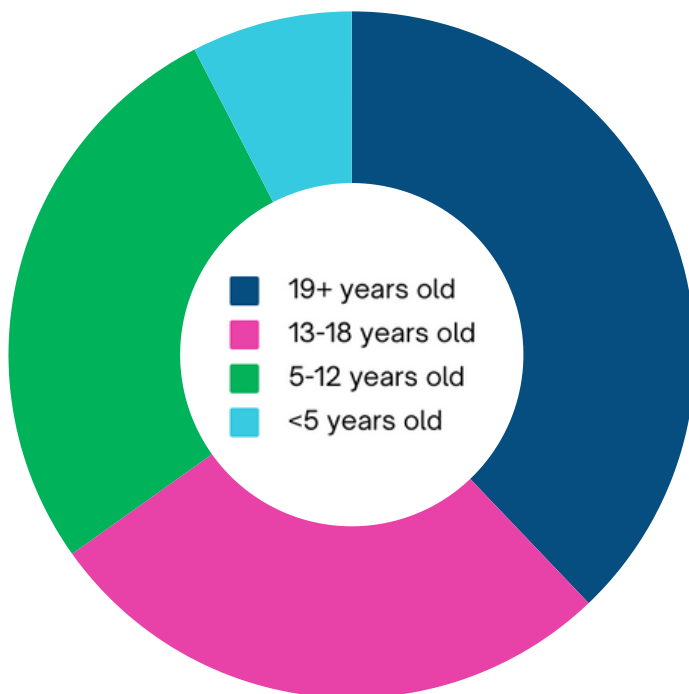
School-Based Health Centers, January 2023

-  Active SBHCs
-  Planned SBHCs
-  Cincinnati Public Schools SBHCs (see below)

Academy of World Languages, Aiken High School, Bond Hill Academy, Dater High School, Ethel M Taylor Academy, Hughes Center, John P Parker School, Levine Family Health Center, Mt Airy Elementary, Mt Washington School, Oylar School, Pleasant Hill Academy, Riverview East Academy, Roberts Academy, Rockdale Academy, Roll Hill Academy, Rothenberg Prep, Saylor Park School, South Avondale School, Taft Elementary, Taft High School, Western Hills High School, Winton Hills Academy, Withrow High School, Woodward Technical.



School-Based Health Centers Patients by Age, 2022



Voices of students, parents, and community members shed insight into how their interactions with SBHCs shape their perceptions of healthcare access and their health. Participants reported:

- Relief and appreciation at having a consistent and routine source of care and noted the importance of **convenience, affordability, and caring and respectful relationships.**
- An **increased sense of belonging** and engagement at school and more empowered about decisions regarding their health.
- Feeling that they were listened to and that everyone was welcomed and treated the same contributed to a sense of **increased trust and lack of stigma** attached to seeking care.