

The School-Based Health Alliance (SBHA) is excited to announce a new virtual learning collaborative focused on school-based health center (SBHC) start-up. This initiative aims to support partnerships between healthcare organizations and schools to provide or expand access to primary care and behavioral health services in schools. Throughout the learning collaborative, participating teams will:

- Learn about the core competencies for SBHCs and practices to support SBHC sustainability.
- Identify areas of strength and areas for growth.
- Identify action steps for strengthening partnerships, improving sustainability, and maintaining high-quality care.

This learning collaborative is free and open to school-based health center planning teams, with a focus on Health Center Program and Look-Alike health sponsors. Other health sponsor types are welcome to apply as well. “Health sponsor” refers to the healthcare organization whose staff will provide health services (primary care, behavioral health, etc.) in the SBHC. Teams with existing SBHCs who feel they would benefit from revisiting SBHC basics are also welcome to participate.

Participants MUST commit to incorporating knowledge and skills from the training into their work. Participants who successfully finish the program will receive continuing education credits as applicable. Continuing education credits will be available for this activity for physicians, nurses, and behavioral health professionals.

Why Focus on School-Based Health Centers?

School-based health centers represent shared commitments between schools and healthcare organizations to support the health, well-being, and academic success of students. For the schools’ part, facilities and utilities are donated and building-level policies facilitate students’ enrollment and utilization. Local health organizations bring into the partnering school expertise and linkages to an array of services—primary care, behavioral health, oral health care, vision care, and health promotion—that enable children and adolescents to thrive in the classroom and beyond. The goal of the partnership is to create a culture of health within the school and among its inhabitants. Learn more [here](#).

School-Based Health Center Start-Up Learning Collaborative

October – December
2024



**Applications due
September 17, 2024.**

**Apply Now!
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Eligibility

SBHA welcomes applications from **SBHC planning teams consisting of health sponsor staff and school staff who have a shared commitment to implement an SBHC by the start of school year 2025-26.** Teams with existing SBHCs who feel they would benefit from revisiting SBHC basics are also welcome to apply. Each team should include a minimum of two health sponsor staff members and one school staff member/champion:

- Health sponsor staff member with the ability to make decisions related to SBHC planning and implementation.
- Health sponsor staff member who will perform the day-to-day work of planning and implementing the SBHC. This may be a clinical person or an operations person.
- School staff member who leads the SBHC planning process on the school side.

Additional team members are also welcome to participate!

Participant Requirements

Participants in the School-Based Health Center Start-Up learning collaborative must:

- Participate in a brief virtual meet-and-greet with SBHA in late September/early October 2024.
- Participate in six 90-minute learning sessions (October – December 2024) by engaging in learning collaborative activities and discussions.
- Share learned information with colleagues.
- Complete baseline, midpoint, and end-point surveys to help improve learning collaborative activities.
- As a team, complete a 90-day survey in March 2025.
- Participate in a 30-minute 90-day follow-up call in March or April 2025.

Learning Collaborative Outline

After notification of acceptance, each team will participate in one **15-minute meet-and-greet Zoom call** in late September or early October 2024.

Between October and December 2024, teams will participate in **six 90-minute learning sessions**. Each session, held from 1:00 p.m. through 2:30 p.m. Eastern time, will include a presentation and discussion facilitated by expert faculty and time for participants to work with their teams on action planning. The learning collaborative curriculum includes the following topics:

1. *Session 1: Welcome and SBHC Basics* Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024
2. *Session 2: Strong Partnerships* Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024
3. *Session 3: High-Quality Practice* Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024 (note that this session will be on a Wednesday due to Election Day on Nov. 5.)
4. *Session 4: Sound Business Model* Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024
5. *Session 5: Core Competencies* Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024
6. *Session 6: Wrap up and Action Planning* Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024

Over the course of the learning collaborative, each team will have the option to participate in **one 60-minute coaching call**. These calls will support teams in assessing their progress and updating their action plans.

In March or April 2025, each team will participate in **one 30-minute follow-up call** to share their progress and receive additional support from SBHA.

System Requirements for Participation

Participants will need a quiet place for each 90-minute learning collaborative session. All sessions will operate through Zoom (see the [Zoom Help Center](#) for detailed system requirements), and participants are encouraged to have their cameras enabled during the session.

How To Apply

Complete the application and initial assessment online [here](#). To view a PDF of the application, please click [here](#).

For any questions, contact Emily Baldi at ebaldi@sbh4all.org.

Application Review Timeline

Sept. 17, 2024: Application deadline

Sept. 20, 2024: Applicants notified

Sept. 23 – Oct 4, 2024: Virtual meet-and-greets

Oct. 8, 2024: Learning collaborative begins

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