

School-Based Health Centers What YOU Can Do!

Visit a School-Based Health Center (SBHC) in your area/county and consider asking the following questions:

1. How often do they report to their School Board/Administration with information regarding things such as:
 - Number of visits to clinic
 - Treatments given on site (numbers, not names)
 - Referrals for Treatment off-site
 - Are you open during non-school days/hrs? In the summer? Vacation days?
 - Can those outside the school system access your clinic? If so, what measures are taken to assure the safety of students?
 - Who will receive data/records gathered as a result of students' visits to SBHC?
2. Do you support, administer or recommend any student surveys? (ie: Oregon Health Authority's "Healthy Teens Survey) Who will receive the data gathered from surveys? If surveys are given, were parents informed in a timely manner and were they given accurate and complete information of survey content? Were parents informed of their right to 'Opt Out' their child? Were parents given an Opt Out form?
3. How often do you inform parents if their child visits your SBHC—for any reason?
4. Is the SBHC liable for errors in treatment or medication given to minors?
5. Who is responsible for Quality Control of staff and medical /mental health treatment?
6. Has your School Based Health Center ever sent minors to the annual, two-school-day Adolescent Sexuality Conference in Seaside, Oregon? If so, what parental permission slip was used, and was accurate, complete disclosure of conference content given to parents/guardians? Did the SBHC provide any 'scholarships' to this conference? Was the school board or administration made aware if you sent students to the conference?
7. If you do not visit a SBHC, you can ask these same questions of your school board or administration to learn whether or not they are aware of the actual operation of their School Based Health Center.

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