

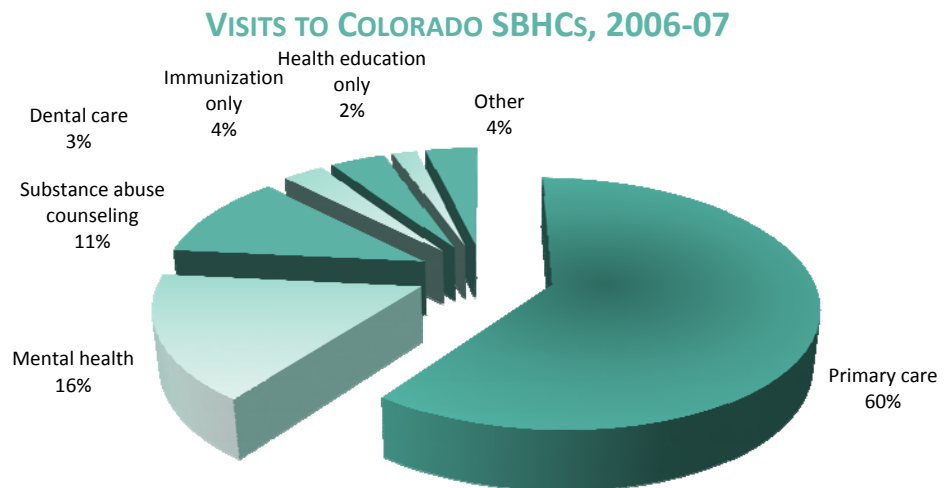
UTILIZATION OF SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

During the 2006-07 school year, a total of 193,000 Colorado children and adolescents were eligible to access preventive and primary health care at one of 38 operational School-Based Health Centers. This includes 2006-07 host school enrollment, feeder school enrollment, and district enrollment in cases where a SBHC is open to all children aged birth to 21 residing within district boundaries.

Based on data collected through a survey conducted by the Colorado Association for School-Based Health Care and the Colorado Health Institute, almost 67,000 visits were made to SBHCs by 21,000 students in 2006-07. This includes visits for primary medical care, mental health assessment and treatment, substance abuse counseling, and dental care. It also includes a small number of visits for immunization or health education only. In most cases, these services are provided as part of a primary care visit.

In 2006-07:

- 193,153 students had access to a SBHC
- 20,964 students used SBHC services
- 66,708 visits were made to SBHCs
- 30,442 immunizations were provided



Source: Colorado Health Institute analysis of data from 2008 Survey of Colorado School-Based Health Centers.

In 2006-07, 60% of all visits to SBHCS were for primary medical care. This included well-child and well-adolescent exams, care for acute illness or injury, management of chronic conditions, and reproductive health care.

Mental health visits accounted for 16% of all visits. Common diagnoses were depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, bipolar disorder and behavioral issues.

Visits for dental screening and sealants accounted for only 3% of visits due to the limited resources available to provide these services.

