

Quick Facts about School-Based Health Centers and Family Planning Programs in MA

- School-Based Health Centers are staffed by nurse practitioners or physician assistants who are authorized to prescribe medications (contraceptives, EC) (1)
- SBHC's are located in poor and minority communities (1)
- MDPH funds 18 agencies that sponsor 37 SBHC's (4 hospitals, 11 community health centers, other) (2, 4, 5)
- SBHC's must offer a comprehensive range of services that include
 - reproductive health services (birth control, EC, abortion)
 - family planning health education and services
 - pregnancy diagnosis and follow-up;
 - for reproductive health services not provided on site, the SBHC must arrange for provision of such services off-site (abortion?) See Section 3.16 (3)
- 75% of SBHC's are located in high schools (4)
- 59% of registered students are Hispanic or black (4)
- 10,602 students received "preventative medical counseling" (?) (4)
- 2,146 received a pregnancy test (4)
- 5,131 receive a diagnosis for "contraceptive management, other", the #1 category (4)
- Of 4,716 identified with a risk factor, over 20% were identified as at risk for pregnancy and received a follow-up plan (4)
- The Family Planning Program of MA HHS targets adolescents and low income residents (6)
- Projects of MA HHS include the website *Maria Talks* and hotline; improved access to EC (6)
- Services provided by clinics include EC, birth control, pregnancy testing; education of contraceptive methods, "reproductive decisions"; classes on reproductive health, sexuality; training and resources for teachers (7)
- Family planning program sites (8)

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