The Illinois School-Based Health Alliance (ISBHA) works to ensure that children and adolescents are healthy, safe, and ready to learn by advocating for and supporting school health centers (SHCs) as school and community assets.

**Mission**

- The ISBHA’s vision is that children and adolescents in Illinois are healthy and have a foundation that enables them to achieve their fullest potential in school and beyond.

**Vision**

- Children and adolescents have a right to high-quality health care.
- When children and adolescents have access to high-quality health care, they are better equipped to learn and succeed.
- SHCs are an effective and practical model for delivering high-quality health care to children and adolescents and addressing health inequity.
- SHCs recognize that children and adolescents exist in the context of their family, and they work to engage and support the family whenever possible.
- SHCs vary by community needs and available resources, but all SHCs bring additional supports and value to schools and their communities.

**Values**

- Advocate for SHCs and child and adolescent health
- Support SHCs sustainability and growth
- Provide training and technical assistance to SHCs
- Improve SHCs’ ability to lead in policy and program issues
- Advance organizational infrastructure

**Strategic Priorities**

- Funding supports program director, program coordinator, direct program/non-personnel costs

**Financial Assumptions**

- Steering Committee: advises; helps execute
- Director and Coordinator: ensure execution
- Workgroups: TA standing group, others ad hoc