Illinois School-Based Health Alliance
Sponsored by the Child & Adolescent Health Initiative at Ever Thrive Illinois

Mission
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.

Values

- 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.

Strategic Priorities

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

Connect with Us

- Regional meetings offer an opportunity for SHC stakeholders to network, share best practices, learn about relevant topics and resources
- Youth Advocacy Day brings high school students from around the state to travel to Springfield to tell their story and advocate for their SHC
- Connect the ISBHA eNewsletter includes updates on events, resources, and news
- Our website includes a literature database and other helpful resources
- Webinars on relevant topics to SHCs are offered regularly and archived online
- The annual Ever Thrive IL MCH conference includes workshops specifically tailored to SHCs

And more…

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