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2009-2010 marks another successful year for Louisiana's School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs). Four sites that were in the planning stage in 2008-2009 became operational this year, bringing the total number of SBHCs to 66 statewide. Two of the new sites (Albert Cammon/St. Rose and Morehouse Middle) brought SBHC services to previously unserved parishes.

The SBHCs serve as a vital link between education and health care systems by bringing health care to children at school, where they spend the majority of their time. The SBHCs are staffed by licensed medical and behavioral health professionals and offer comprehensive primary and preventive care to students who are underserved because of their geographical location in Health Professional Shortage Areas, their socioeconomic status, or other high risk characteristics. The SBHCs keep children in school, healthy and ready to learn. It should be noted that of the 141,414 visits to SBHCs in Louisiana, students were sent back to class 96% of the time. Parents and families benefit, not only by having ready access to health care at school, but also economically by reduced time away from work to take children to a doctor's office.

The accomplishments and successes of the SBHCs are not achieved through staff alone, but also through community support and partnerships. The SBHCs work closely with school administrators, local social service agencies, health care providers, parents, students, and business and religious leaders to meet the needs of students. Together, these many pieces fit together to form a unique healthcare system. The state financial commitment is matched by local entities who contribute both monetarily, as well as through human and material resources. Through everyone's commitment and dedication, SBHCs are able to continue to provide high quality and comprehensive services, despite economic difficulties on both the national and state level.

The positive impact of the SBHCs on student's health and attendance is explained in detail throughout this year's annual report. The SBHC's Highlights and Testimonials are just a few examples of the great need for SBHCs and the community's appreciation for them.

Section One, Program Highlights & Overview; details the history of the program, current location of SBHCs; the year's important events; standards governing program operations; the continuous quality improvement program; and SBHCs' *Best Practice Guidelines*.

Section Two, Who Visits SBHCs and Why; graphically displays why students visit SBHCs, including the top 10 reasons for a clinic visit. It includes information on visits by grade, gender, and ethnicity.

Section Three, Louisiana SBHCs Profiles; contains descriptive information on each SBHC, including names of community partners and advisory committee members.

Appendices A-C include (A) examples of diagnoses regularly seen in the SBHC; (B) the text of the state law that created the program; (C) and the financial statement for the Adolescent School Health Initiative/Office of Public Health for state fiscal year 2009-2010.



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