

SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTERS and REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH in NYC



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NYC PROGRAMS

- School Based Health Centers (SBHCs)
- Condom Availability Program
- STI Testing and Treatment Program
- Health and Sex Education Curriculum

SBHC BACKGROUND - 2005

- 30 high school SBHCs serving 12% of high school students
- Not funded with the notion of providing comprehensive RHS
- DOE prohibits contraceptive dispensing
- Teen pregnancy and births declining

UNFORTUNATELY.....

As of 2006, birth rates in high school-aged students are no longer declining.

CURRENT STATUS - 2008

- Prohibition on contraceptive dispensing removed
- NYS DOH agreement that RHS is a key component of primary care
- NYC funding for new high school SBHCs as an anti-poverty measure
- Now 12 NYC supported SBHCs funded to provide onsite RHS

ONSITE COMPREHENSIVE RHS

INCLUDES:

- Pregnancy testing
- STI Testing and Treatment
- Onsite Contraceptive Dispensing
- Family Planning Counseling
- Risk Reduction Counseling and Education

SPECIFIC INITIATIVES

FUNDING

NYC Funded High School SBHCs

- New sites funded to permit delivery of RHS
- Old sites given supplementary funding

All High School SBHCs

- DOHMH has distributed EC and oral contraceptives at no charge

PRINCIPAL SUPPORT

- Number of pregnant students generally underestimated
- Data match of DOE enrollment and BVS birth data provides accurate picture of births by high school
- Many schools with more than 30 births a year
- Helps get principal attention and support

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- DOHMH has funded NYPH, a leader in SBHC RHS, to provide training and technical assistance to all high school SBHCs
- Initial target – NYC funded SBHCs

MONITORING

SBHCs must report data on:

- Pregnancy testing and positivity
- STI/HIV testing and positivity
- Use of EC
- Dispensing of hormonal contraceptives
- Enrollment