

# FAQ's About School-Based Clinics



**1.** **Q.** *What services are provided?*

**A.** A few examples of services provided include:

- Preventative health services such as immunizations, well checks and sport physicals.
- Diagnosis, treatment and management of chronic health problems such as asthma or allergies.
- Acute care for minor injuries like sprains or strains.
- Diagnosis and treatment of infections such as skin, throat, ear or STIs.
- Mental health counseling for common issues such as anxiety or depression.

**2.** **Q.** *Who is providing the services at these locations?*

**A.** A licensed Nurse Practitioner and Social Worker will be providing the services.

**3.** **Q.** *How old do you have to be to utilize services at the clinics?*

**A.** Individuals ages 5-21 years of age are welcome. Services are available for anyone in St. Clair County, regardless of which school they attend.

**4.** **Q.** *Do individuals need parental consent to be seen/receive services?*

**A.** If the individual is under 18, parental consent is required and parents may withdraw their consent at any time. Michigan Law allows those 14 and older to be seen without parental consent for some limited services, however, clinic staff do encourage those clients to involve their parents in their treatment.

**5.** **Q.** *Will these clinics provide referrals for services?*

**A.** Yes, referrals will be made for those who need care outside of what can be provided at the center.

**6.** **Q.** *Am I able to obtain birth control or condoms through these clinics?*

**A.** We do NOT provide birth control or condoms as it is against Michigan Law to distribute birth control or condoms on a school campus.

# FAQ's About School-Based Clinics



- 7.** **Q.** *Do individuals need to leave school to receive services?*  
**A.** Because the clinic is within the school, students are able to schedule an appointment or walk-in and be seen by the provider. After the visit, they return to their class.
- 8.** **Q.** *How can interested individuals provide input or feedback about the clinics?*  
**A.** Community Advisory Councils (CAC) are required for adolescent health centers. Students, parents, teachers and community members are welcome to participate. Visit [here](#) to learn more!
- 9.** **Q.** *Will individuals be able to obtain medication from these locations?*  
**A.** Prescriptions can be written for appropriate treatment of illness. Over the counter medications (Tylenol, Motrin) may also be available. Medications are only provided with parental consent.
- 10.** **Q.** *How can I be sure my student is treated fairly, respectfully, and without judgement?*  
**A.** Clinic staff are professionals who are passionate about providing care to children, adolescents, and young adults. All clinic staff are committed to provide a welcoming and safe place for families and students. Clinic staff are also required to participate in implicit bias training as a condition of employment.
- 11.** **Q.** *Who can I contact for more information?*  
**A.** For more information, contact:  
Kelly Baker, LMSW, Public Health Supervisor, 810-987-5300 ext. 1444,  
[kbaker@stclaircounty.org](mailto:kbaker@stclaircounty.org)