



School-based health care support toolkit:
Principal design questions around
building a care delivery model



Main questions to consider in designing your care delivery model

WHAT health interventions should be included in the partnership?

- Primary care
- Mental and behavioral health
- Dental health
- Vision
- Other options (e.g. nutritional health)



WHO is the partnership seeking to serve?

- Students at the school
- Student families
- Teachers
- School-aged children in the community
- Anyone in the community



WHERE is the provider partner primarily based?

- Inside the school at a dedicated center
- Outside the school linked to a care provider's practice



HOW can I incorporate additional tools to improve access and quality of care?

- Mobile clinic
- Telemedicine
- Social services (e.g. enrollment assistance into food access programs)
- Other options (e.g. mentoring programs)



Various models have worked for schools across Ohio given their specific student and community needs (1/3)

School A

WHAT health interventions should be included in the partnership?



- Included primary care and mental health support after consistent community requests (especially for sports physicals)
- School in Health Professional Shortage Area for mental health and dental

WHO is the partnership seeking to serve?



- Treats students, teachers and student families
- Not open to general community, as they did not need extra volume to make the model sustainable and were concerned about security

WHERE is the provider partner primarily based?



- Retrofitted 1200 ft of space within the school (main work needed was adding sinks)

HOW can I incorporate additional tools to improve access and quality of care?



- Mobile dental clinic utilized quarterly - had part-time dental visits early on, but eliminated when they could not build up the necessary volume

Various models have worked for schools across Ohio given their specific student and community needs (2/3)

School B

WHAT health interventions should be included in the partnership?



- Treat primary care, mental health and dental needs - school in Health Professional Shortage Area for mental health, dental and vision

WHO is the partnership seeking to serve?



- Patient volume for students alone not enough for model to be financially sustainable
- Federally Qualified Health Center partnership enables treatment for anyone in the community

WHERE is the provider partner primarily based?



- No available space to retrofit on campus, so built freestanding facility next to the school

HOW can I incorporate additional tools to improve access and quality of care?



- While there is a dental facility in the clinic, there are no dentists in the county - opportunity to supplement with mobile clinic or telemedicine

Various models have worked for schools across Ohio given their specific student and community needs (3/3)

School C

WHAT health interventions should be included in the partnership?



- Support primary care (physicals, immunizations and urgent care) and mental health, as they are the most pressing community needs according to families

WHO is the partnership seeking to serve?



- Goal to treat school-aged children in district schools - actually treat any school-aged child who visits no matter their school

WHERE is the provider partner primarily based?



- Due to lack of space, link to provider outside of school grounds

HOW can I incorporate additional tools to improve access and quality of care?



- Utilize mobile clinic twice weekly for primary care (and mental health treatment occurs in School Nurse's office)
- Still looking for ways to contend with unmet dental and vision needs