Annual Report

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2025 - 2026

WASHINGTON SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH ALLIANCE

Advancing Health Care in Schools

LETTER FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

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Executive Director

Dr. Peter Asante
Board President

The past year has reminded us of the importance of connection, collaboration, and a shared commitment to the health and well-being of young people. Across Washington, school-based health centers and school-based health care continue to play a vital role in helping students access the care they need, and WA SBHA remains proud to support the people and communities making that work possible.

Throughout 2025–26, we have worked alongside our partners to strengthen school-based health care through advocacy, technical assistance, training, and opportunities for connection and learning. Our efforts are guided by a belief that health and education are deeply connected, and that every student deserves the opportunity to learn, grow, thrive, and reach their full potential. We are grateful for the dedication of SBHC providers, sponsors, educators, families, and community partners who continue to meet students where they are. Their creativity, persistence, and commitment to serving young people are especially meaningful during a time when health care and education systems face evolving needs and ongoing uncertainty.

We are also thankful for the continued leadership of young people, whose experiences and perspectives help shape a more responsive and equitable approach to care.

As we look toward the year ahead, we recognize that advancing school-based health care requires both long-term vision and sustained collective action. WA SBHA will continue working to strengthen partnerships between health care and education, support the growth and sustainability of SBHCs, and advocate for policies that expand access to school-based health care and address the inequities that affect students and their communities.

We believe that the future of school-based health care is rooted in young people accessing health care in community with the adults who make this mission possible. By listening to communities, investing in collaboration, and keeping students at the center of our work, we can continue building a system that supports the health, well-being, and success of young people across Washington.

Thank you for your continued partnership, trust, and dedication to this work. Together, we are creating stronger connections between health and education, and helping ensure that every young person has the opportunity to reach their fullest potential.

ABOUT WA SBHA

About Us

WA SBHA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing health equity for youth by supporting school-based health care and centers across the state. As the only statewide organization uniting diverse partners in healthcare and education to champion SBHCs, WA SBHA leads with collaboration, expertise, and advocacy. Together, we work to empower professionals, communities, and schools to create and sustain the quality health services youth deserve.

Mission & Vision

MISSION

Our mission is to advocate for and advance school-based health care in collaboration with communities and partners statewide. By fostering equity, we aim to remove barriers to essential care and academic achievement for children and youth.

VISION

We strive for a racially just and inclusive society where all children, regardless of background, have the opportunity to thrive. By addressing inequities in health and education, we work toward a future where every child succeeds.

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Our Work

Partner Engagement

We educate partners about the healthcare needs of Washington youth and the role of school-based health care in advancing health and academic equity. WA SBHA also serves as an active liaison between school-based health care and coalitions, government entities, and foundations focused on advancing youth health, healthcare, and education.

Legislative Advocacy

WA SBHA staff and contract lobbyists advocate for funding and legislation that supports whole-child health and SBHCs.

Capacity Building

We support capacity building of school-based health care models across the state. From supporting SBHC development and operations, through supporting communities creating health access for students that is unique to their needs. WA SBHA provides guidance and resources to partners interested in supporting school-based health care in their community by identifying and responding to challenges impacting SBHCs from providing seamless care.

Training and Technical Assistance

Tailored, one-on-one support for staff and sponsors as well as structured learning opportunities designed for school, health care, and sponsor staff, as well as a broader audience. Our broader trainings are typically offered in partnership with a subject matter expert.

WA SBHA HISTORY & TIMELINE

2010

WA SBHA begins advocating for SBHCs in Washington state.

2017

WA SBHA transitions from being volunteer-run to hiring its first staff member.

2019

WA SBHA hosts the first annual Student Health Summit, a convening of the statewide SBHC community.

2020

WA SBHA partners with Representative Monica Stonier to implement an SBHC workgroup.

2021

HB 1225 passes, developing a state program office to disburse grants for SBHCs in partnership with WA SBHA.

2024

WA SBHA begins implementing its first growth-driven strategic plan.

2025

WA SBHA expands with larger staff and leadership in school-based health care.

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TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Washington School-Based Health Alliance (WA SBHA), in collaboration with partner organizations, provides technical assistance (TA), professional development (PD), and networking opportunities for school-based healthcare and educational professionals and communities in Washington. This network includes SBHC managers, providers, and staff, as well as staff from health organizations, school districts, educational service districts, and other local and state organizations involved in school-based healthcare.

Technical Assistance

Tailored, one-on-one support initiated by an individual member, affiliate, or organization to address their specific needs. TA topics are determined by the requesting party, who seeks targeted assistance and connections to relevant resources. This process provides individualized solutions, access to resources and tools, and/or introductions to peers.

Training

Structured learning opportunities designed for a broader audience. These offerings are typically coordinated by WA SBHA and welcome subject matter experts to achieve objectives determined by WA SBHA and our partner(s). Training topics are identified as priorities by the broader SBHC community.

Our trainings cover topics that relate to SBHC partners across the continuum. This includes: physical and behavioral health services, community engagement, legislative advocacy, consent/confidentiality, youth panels, and more.

Access our 2026-27 webinars, Student Health Conference, and other public training opportunities on our website's events page: www.wasbha.org/events/

Have questions, comments, or a request for support? Contact us at info@wasbha.org.

2025- 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

17
Community of Practices

100+
Unique TA Instances

26
Training Sessions

34
Site Visits Statewide

157
Unique Organizations Served By Our Technical Assistance

2025- 26 Training Topics:

- HIPAA and Hall Passes (HIPAA/FERPA Training)
- Engagement and Outreach in Your Community
- Protecting Our Youth: Behavioral Health Symptoms, Treatment, and Beyond
- Cultivating Community
- Suicide Prevention in Schools (Resources, Interventions, and More to Keep Youth Safe and Supported)
- Health Literacy in SBHCs
- A Call to Community Action (Practical Strategies for Student Understanding and Improved Health Outcomes)
- Oral Health in Schools
- Family Planning in the School Setting

2025-2026 WA SBHA SERVICES EVALUATION

REPORT OVERVIEW

This report is based on a 23-question survey reviewing our 2025-26 services and support. WA SBHA invited all individuals across the school-based health continuum to participate via email and newsletter, reaching 1000+ inboxes across the state. Total, 25 anonymous respondents provided feedback on the survey; respondents serve diverse roles in SBHCs, with not one position making up a majority of respondent types.

1. Webinars & trainings, including the annual Student Health Summit, are WA SBHA's most utilized training offering.

2. **Satisfaction with TA was strong:** 70% of respondents who received TA were satisfied or very satisfied with their experience.

3. **Capacity, not confidence, limited TA uptake:** Time constraints were the most common barrier to accessing TA. Roughly one-third either felt they did not need support or had limited understanding of WA SBHA's role. No respondent cited lack of trust in WA SBHA, redundancy of services, or preference for another provider.

4. **Partnership and clinical care are among the top the 2026-2027 training priorities.** Effective school and SBHC partnership and collaboration ranked highest at 53%, followed by gender affirming care at 41%, and mental/behavioral health intervention and age-appropriate reproductive health education tied at 35% each.

TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OVERVIEW

Particularly of note, 60% of respondents cited WA SBHA as their sole resource for school-based health technical assistance and support,

MOST UTILIZED T/TA

Based on the percentage of respondents who reported accessing/utilizing each service in the 2025–2026 school year.

- Website Resources (59%)
- Emails with WA SBHA Staff (53%)
- Online Forum / Basecamp (41%)

LEAST UTILIZED T/TA

Based on the percentage of respondents who reported accessing/utilizing each service in the 2025–2026 school year.

- Site Visits (24%)
- 1:1 Support / Meetings with Staff (24%)
- Virtual Trainings/Webinars (29%) and Student Health Summit (29%)

SATISFACTION WITH T/TA

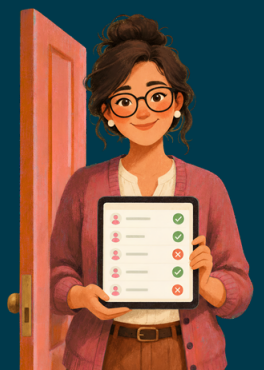
- Very satisfied: 40%
- Satisfied: 30%
- Neither satisfied/dissatisfied: 30%

BARRIERS TO ACCESSING T/TA

- Time constraints (41%)
- Did not feel support was needed (29%)
- Scheduling conflicts (12%)
- Limited understanding of WA SBHA's role (6%)
- No respondents cited lack of trust in WA SBHA, redundancy of services, or preference for an alternative provider

PRIORITY TOPICS FOR 2026-27

- Effective School and SBHC Partnership/Collaboration (53%)
- Gender Affirming Care (41%)
- Mental/Behavioral Health Intervention and Treatment (35%)
- Age-Appropriate Reproductive Health Education and Services (35%)
- Effective Care Coordination, Youth Engagement, Parent/Family Engagement, Workforce/Staff Burnout, and Teen Dating Violence Prevention (29% each)



NEXT STEPS...

WA SBHA uses the annual services evaluation as an opportunity to look beyond satisfaction and participation numbers and identify where our support can have the greatest impact for school-based health care across Washington. This year's responses show that our existing training opportunities are valued, while also highlighting opportunities to make technical assistance easier to access and more responsive to the needs of SBHC staff. The findings below will help shape WA SBHA's 2026-27 Training & Technical Assistance strategy.

SHORT-TERM T/TA:

TRAINING TOPICS

WA SBHA will use the most frequently requested topics from this year's survey to guide training opportunities for 2026-27. Effective school and SBHC partnership and collaboration was the highest priority, followed by gender-affirming care, mental and behavioral health intervention, and age-appropriate reproductive health education and services. These topics will be incorporated into upcoming webinars, trainings, and other learning opportunities throughout the year.

INCREASING ACCESS TO T/TA

WA SBHA will make technical assistance and training easier to access by clearly communicating the resources, support, and learning opportunities available to professionals and organizations across the school-based health care and educational network.

CLARIFYING AND COMMUNICATING WA SBHA'S ROLE

While most respondents who accessed T/TA were satisfied with their experience, some respondents indicated that they did not feel they needed support or had a limited understanding of WA SBHA's role. Moving forward, WA SBHA will focus on more clearly communicating our role as an organization, the types of training, technical assistance, and support available to SBHCs and education staff, and when they can reach out for assistance.

NEXT STEPS...

LONG-TERM T/TA:

STRENGTHENING STATEWIDE DATA COLLECTION

WA SBHA will continue to expand and strengthen how we collect and use data to understand the needs of SBHCs across Washington, drawing on feedback from trainings, T/TA requests, site visits, and other engagement with the field. WA SBHA will work with partner organizations to streamline data collection from SBHCs. This data will support the development of technical assistance and advocacy efforts, while also helping us better understand and communicate the landscape of school-based health care across Washington.

BUILDING A MORE CONNECTED SBHC NETWORK

With 60% of respondents identifying WA SBHA as their sole resource for school-based health T/TA, there is an opportunity to further strengthen WA SBHA's role as a connector across the field. Long-term, WA SBHA will continue creating opportunities to share resources, experiences, and ideas across the field. Strengthening these connections will help ensure that knowledge and resources can be shared across the state and that WA SBHA's T/TA reflects the experiences of the broader school-based health network.

ONGOING EVALUATION OF T/TA

WA SBHA will continue to evaluate whether our T/TA offerings are reaching participants in ways that are useful and accessible, with the goal of increasing satisfaction with the technical assistance provided. By comparing annual survey results with feedback and engagement throughout the year, we can track changes in needs and adjust our approach over time. This ongoing evaluation will help WA SBHA build a sustainable T/TA strategy that responds to both immediate priorities and longer-term needs across Washington.

2025
STUDENT HEALTH SUMMIT

ANNUAL CONFERENCE: CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

Annually, WA SBHA hosts a conference specifically for student health advocates. In 2025, this day-long conference welcomed 130+ in-person and virtual attendees from across Washington for our annual Student Health Summit. Focused on Cultivating Community, our speakers delivered diverse presentations throughout the day on various topics related to School-Based Health and youth wellness. This conference provided 12 training breakout sessions for all school-based health affiliates and advocates, with topics including youth and community engagement, growing SBHC capacity, and creating whole child health environments.

In 2025, we had the honor of recognizing Dr. Laura Galati from Grays Harbor County Public Health and Representative Monica Stonier for their work in supporting youth health. We had the additional privilege of opening the day with words from Representative Debra Lekanoff, who delivered a powerful keynote on the value of school-based services, the vulnerabilities of certain Washington youth, and the importance of individual advocacy.

Representative Debra Lekanoff
Keynote Speaker
40th Legislative District of WA State

135
Participants/ Attendees

57
Organizations Represented

15
Youth Panelists/ Students

ADVOCACY & ENGAGEMENT

PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

- Educate the public, partners in health/education, and policymakers about the health needs of WA's children and the role of school-based health care in advancing health and academic equity for all youth.
- Liaise between school-based health communities and relevant advocacy coalitions.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

- Advocate for state funding to start, operate, and expand SBHCs.
- Promote legislation that supports whole-child well-being.
- Represent school-based health priorities to develop supportive funding with foundations, businesses, government entities, individuals, and other funders.
- Ensure students have access to high-quality physical and mental/behavioral healthcare.
- Serve as the nonprofit partner to Washington's Department of Health to execute HB 1225.

CAPACITY-BUILDING

- Support planning and start-up processes of SBHCs and school- based health care.
- Identify and resolve challenges that prevent SBHCs from providing efficient, high-quality care.

25-26 ADVOCACY & ENGAGEMENT PROJECTS

Maintaining Our Budget
Supported efforts to protect and maintain funding for essential programs and services.

Capital Funding
Advocated for increased and sustained funding for school-based health centers.

Maintain Medicaid Access for All Washingtonians
Engaged in cross-sector advocacy focused on ensuring ongoing access to Medicaid across all of Washington.

SBHC Sustainability Committee
Led in efforts to strengthen the long-term sustainability of school-based health centers.

Child Health One Table
Collaborated with partners to advance shared priorities for child and youth health.

COLLEAGUE TESTIMONIALS

"The Washington School-Based Health Alliance (WA SBHA) has been an invaluable partner in advancing school-based health care across Washington and supporting our team at CHAS Health in Spokane. Through advocacy, collaboration, training opportunities, and the sharing of best practices, WA SBHA has strengthened our ability to serve students and families while connecting us to innovative approaches from across the state. Beyond programmatic support, WA SBHA has fostered meaningful connections between our SBHC leadership team and other school-based health leaders throughout Washington. These relationships have led to valuable partnerships, professional collaboration, and lasting friendships. Their trusted network continues to elevate and advance school-based healthcare, and I am incredibly grateful for the dedication and support of the entire WA SBHA team."

Daniel Trautvetter, Women and Children Program Manager
CHAS Health

"WASBHA has been an invaluable partner to The Health Center. Their technical assistance, advocacy, and statewide network have strengthened our ability to deliver high-quality, student-centered care and connected us with peers facing similar challenges and opportunities. The way they bring SBHCs together is invaluable. We're grateful for their steady support and leadership in advancing school-based health care across Washington."

Norma L. Hernández , Executive Director
The Health Center

2025-26 FINANCES

January - December 2025

Thank You to our sponsors!

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- COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN of Washington
- COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK of Washington
- Hallowell Todaro ADHD & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH unwrap the gift
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- MultiCare
- MultiCare Community Partnership Fund
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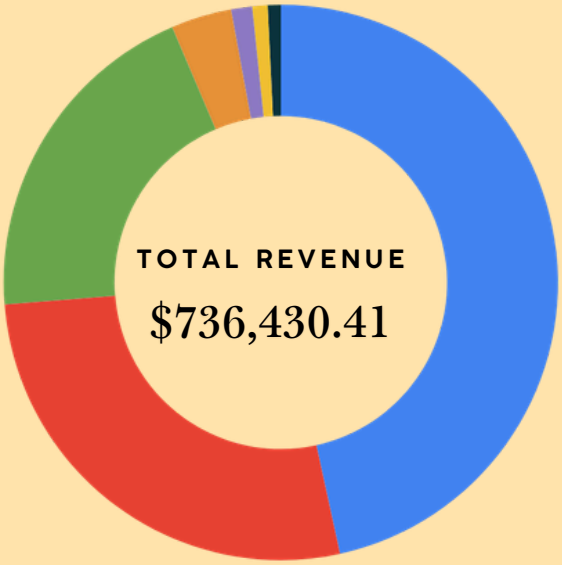
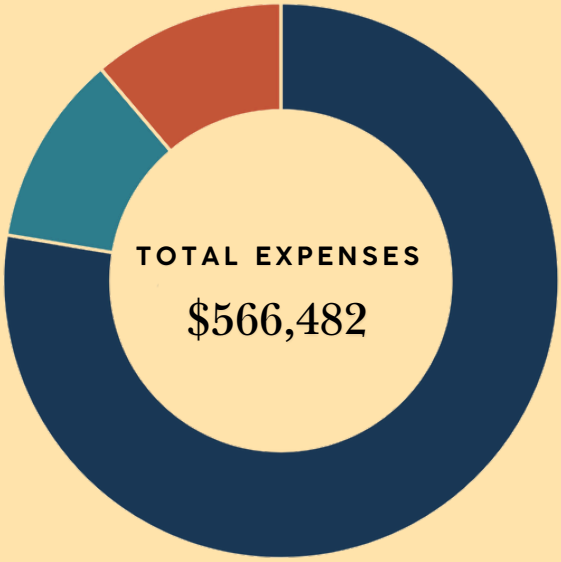
- Seattle Children's HOSPITAL • RESEARCH • FOUNDATION
- The Fales Foundation Trust
- Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contribution Funds
- United Healthcare
- Washington State Department of HEALTH
- Wellpoint

INCOME



- Grants & Foundations (46.6%)
- Government Grants (27.2%)
- Other Income- Project Restricted (19.8%)
- Sponsorships (3.5%)
- Registration (1.2%)
- Other Income (0.9%)
- Individual & Board (0.8%)

EXPENSES



- Program (77.6%)
- Management & General (11.2%)
- Fundraising (11.2%)

Thank You!

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