



IMPROVING STUDENT HEALTH TOGETHER



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We could not have a sustainable program without the support provided by The Consortium, they are truly exceptional.

Julie Wilken

Director, Department of Health Services, Jeffco Public Schools

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They are laser-focused on one mission, assisting us with navigating the complicated School Health Services world to better serve children and families. Through trainings, on-going support and monitoring, The Consortium helps us to avoid costly errors. As a nonprofit, they provide us the support we need and ask for, while other vendors simply provide an electronic product.

Marcy Palmer

Director, Ute Pass BOCES

Eliminating barriers to healthcare is essential in helping students succeed not only in the classroom but also in life.

We are dedicated to supporting schools to help address the needs of the whole child.



WHO WE ARE

The Consortium is a nonprofit organization partnering with school districts in Colorado to ensure the successful implementation of the Medicaid School Health Services Program. As health champions and advocates for all students, we are committed to increasing access to health services in schools across the state.

WHAT WE DO

The Consortium is passionate about advocating for student health and education. We partner with our member school districts to increase the resources needed to address students' unmet health needs. Far beyond simply providing software, we utilize our expertise to help schools get the most out of the School Health Services (SHS) Program. We provide training and behind-the-scenes support to streamline the compliance process.

OVER 20 YEARS OF IMPACT

- 1991** ● Local business leaders, child health advocates, physicians, parents and education professionals formed a coalition to design Colorado's Medicaid School Health Services Program. The founding partners advocated for the importance of these funds going directly back to health services in schools to address the unmet health needs of all students.
- 1997** ● The Consortium was founded. Many of the founding board members were a part of the planning coalition, committed to seeing this program succeed. This nonprofit organization was the first of its kind, created to be an instrumental partner in helping ensure all students in Colorado had access to health services in schools.
- 2000** ● The Consortium began partnering with Colorado school districts to provide Medicaid and CHP+ outreach/enrollment services to students and their families.
- 2018** ● Approximately 672,932 students in over 50 school districts have received health services because of the support of The Consortium.





We would have a financial crisis if we lost Medicaid School Health Services funding. We fund half of our large district Nurse team through Medicaid reimbursement and we would struggle to replace this funding with our General Fund.

Bob Barrows

Executive Director for Special Education, Academy School District 20

WHAT SETS THE CONSORTIUM APART?



WE ARE MISSION-DRIVEN

As a nonprofit, our bottom line is achieving our mission of helping schools succeed. Our goal is to get as many dollars as possible back to schools for funding health services for all students.



WE ARE EXPERTS

The process of getting reimbursed is complicated and has a lot of moving parts. Because we know the ins-and-outs of this program, we are able to support our members to streamline the process and maintain compliance.



WE OFFER MULTI-DIMENSIONAL SUPPORT

Just like the diverse needs of each student, we know each of our school districts has different needs when it comes to health services. The Consortium is there every step of the way, providing support, training and guidance to enhance health funding.

THE CONSORTIUM IMPACT 2016 - 2017



65,865

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES SERVED



163

TRAINING EVENTS CONDUCTED



1,358

HEALTH PROVIDERS TRAINED



1,583,263

HEALTH SERVICES PROCESSED



30

LETTERS SIGNED IN 2017 TO STATE
AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS
ADVOCATING FOR CHILDREN'S
HEALTH AND EDUCATION



CURRENT MEMBERS

50+ Colorado school districts served

Over 650,000 - students with better access to
health services each year

100% - overall customer satisfaction of current
Consortium members

ADDITIONAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED

- Behavioral and Mental Health Services
(including Anti-Bullying and Suicide
Prevention Programs)
- Health Curriculum, Professional Development,
and Training
- Health Professionals (including Nurses,
Counselors and Therapists)
- Insurance Outreach and Enrollment Programs
- Medical Technology, Equipment, and Supplies

STATEWIDE IMPACT 2016 - 2017

\$32,972,566

annual health service expenditures
for 2016-2017 FY (utilizing SHS funds)

\$250 MILLION

dollars for additional health
services for students here in
Colorado over the last 20 years

288.73%

increase in resources from the
School Health Services Program
over the last eight years

111
Nurses

+

106
Clinic Aids
& Health
Assistants

+

100
Mental Health
Providers

+

30
Insurance
Outreach
& Enrollment

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347
Additional Full-Time
Health Related Jobs
created through SHS
Funds in the 2016-2017
school year



Health services in school are essential.

IMPACT STORIES

THE GREELEY-EVANS SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS TAKEN AN INNOVATIVE STEP TO SERVE ITS STUDENTS WITH THEIR NEW MOBILE AUDIOLOGY TESTING TRUCK (MATT).

We are now able to provide onsite audiology screenings for thousands of students. The MATT provides a comfortable waiting area and soundproof booth with new equipment that produces accurate tests. For one student whose hearing issues were continually misdiagnosed as allergies, test results from screenings received in the MATT persuaded her parents to seek a second opinion, which resulted in receiving the hearing aids she needed to overcome barriers to social interaction and academic success. **Thanks to the SHS Program, the MATT will be traveling from school to school to help students with similar needs for years to come.**



**MANY FAMILIES IN DENVER
PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOW HAVE
HEALTH INSURANCE BECAUSE
OF THE SUPPORT OF THE
CONSORTIUM.**

Due to a lack of transportation, language barriers, and limited time, many parents were hesitant to go through the process of applying for insurance. Through the partnership, the district was able to create an Outreach & Enrollment Program, to help families navigate the process of enrolling in health insurance, and successfully eliminate the barriers to adequate healthcare. **Through this program, DPS was able to assist over 7,000 students in acquiring health insurance.**



**IN ONE COLORADO SCHOOL
DISTRICT, THE NURSE TO STUDENT
RATIO WAS GREATER THAN 3,000
STUDENTS TO 1 NURSE.**

With new nursing positions funded by the SHS Program the current ratio is 2,100 to 2,400 students per nurse. **This program has made it possible for more schools to have onsite support in managing chronic and acute health conditions and response in emergency situations.** In a Colorado Springs School District, a teacher noticed one of her students sleeping in class. Unable to rouse the girl, she called in the school nurse. The nurse identified that this girl was actually experiencing a seizure, and immediately took the appropriate steps to ensure her safety. **Prior to participating in the SHS Program, the school district did not have the resources to employ a nurse at each school.**



ADVOCACY

We monitor and advocate for health services for children on a national, state and local level. Working closely with our state partners, we address policies and issues that directly affect the SHS program.

TRAINING

We offer a comprehensive training service that empowers our members to successfully implement the SHS program. Training is delivered both onsite and through webinars to all related service providers, support and administrative staff.

CONSULTATION

We offer our expertise to help school districts navigate the complexities of Medicaid and the SHS program. Our goal is to maximize the resources for the individual needs of each school district while also maintaining a compliant program.

SUPPORT

We offer tools and software to streamline the documentation process for health-related special education services and proper claiming. Claiming activities are submitted and monitored to help school districts remain compliant with federal and state Medicaid regulations.



WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER.

“ As our name implies, The Consortium is an alliance of partners invested in the health and well-being of our students. We welcome your support and investment in our goal to help every child in Colorado thrive.

Kim Erickson
Executive Director

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SET UP A FREE CONSULTATION, CONTACT US TODAY

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LEARN MORE

Interested in hearing more about how to increase opportunities and health resources for your school district? Learn more about the services we provide and the impact we can make together for students. Check out our website or request a free consultation phone call. Please contact us to learn more about membership with The Consortium.

BECOME A STUDENT HEALTH ADVOCATE

We pride ourselves on being at the forefront of healthcare and education reform, addressing the policies that directly impact the health of our students. Stay up to date with the issues that directly affect health services in schools, and take steps to get involved at the local, state, and national level.

PARTNER WITH US

We are looking to expand our programs and services to better serve the 178 school districts located throughout Colorado. To ensure the greater sustainability of our program, we are looking to diversify our funding sources. Invest in the wellbeing of our future generation by investing with us.



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