# The Consortium

## 2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

## OUR SERVICES

As a nonprofit organization, The Consortium has over 24 years of experience supporting Colorado school districts in their efforts to maximize resources and provide students with equitable access to health services through implementation of the Medicaid School Health Services (SHS) Program.

During the 2020-2021 SY, our member school districts and BOCES served approximately 679,761 students in 14 Urban, 14 Urban-Suburban, and 25 Rural and Frontier communities throughout Colorado: 42% of whom are Black, Indigenous, Latinx or Hispanic, Asian and other students of color; 12.17% of students receive Special Education services; and 46.1 % are eligible for free or reduced lunch, which is an indicator of families living at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

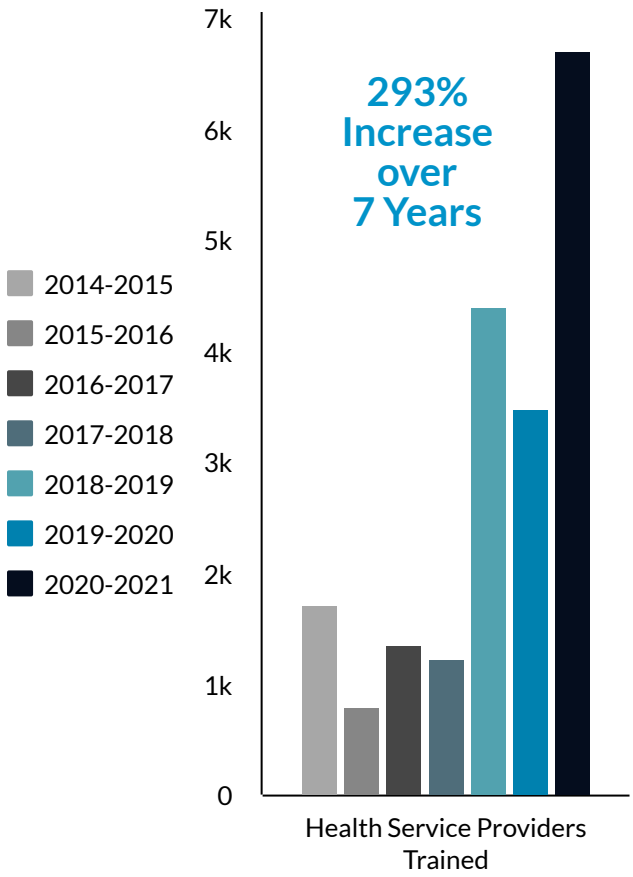
**53** Member School Districts and BOCES

**6,106** Phone Calls and Emails Supported

**6,023** Health Service Providers Trained

**6,711** Training Hours

**2.599 Million** Health Services Processed




The Consortium has seen a marked increased in the need for training over the past 3 years due to:

- state level changes to the RMTS survey used to indicate the percentage of time school-based health providers spend performing activities that are reimbursable by Medicaid
- the addition of our electronic personal care and delegated nursing documentation platforms

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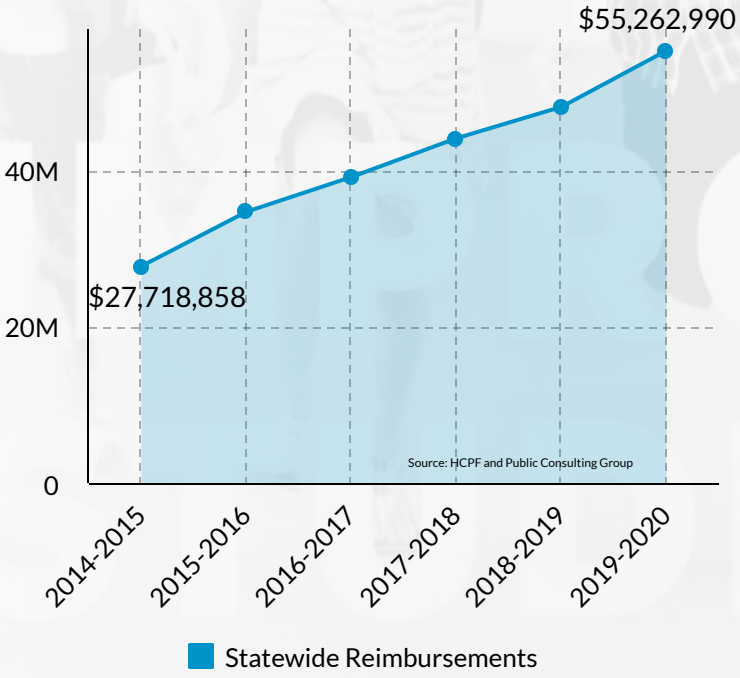
# SHS PROGRAM FY 2019-2020

Colorado State legislation allows school districts, Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), and state K-12 educational institutions to receive federal reimbursements for costs incurred providing health services to Medicaid eligible students. Districts participate in a Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) survey and cost reporting process, submit claiming for proof of service, and are reimbursed through payments calculated according to historical Certified Public Expenditures.

## Colorado SHS Program Reimbursements




**In Colorado, reimbursements received by a district through the SHS Program must be used to provide additional and expanded health services for students. A Local Service Plan (LSP) is developed through an advisory committee in each school district, every 5 years, to determine how reimbursements will be reinvested into health services for ALL students.**

***The Medicaid SHS Program is a sustainable resource in our state-wide efforts to increase the number of school nurses and mental health providers, provide health services where none were previously available, and improve the quality and equity of health services in our public schools.***

**Examples of how reimbursements from the SHS Program in Colorado were used to support student health in 2019-2020 SY:**

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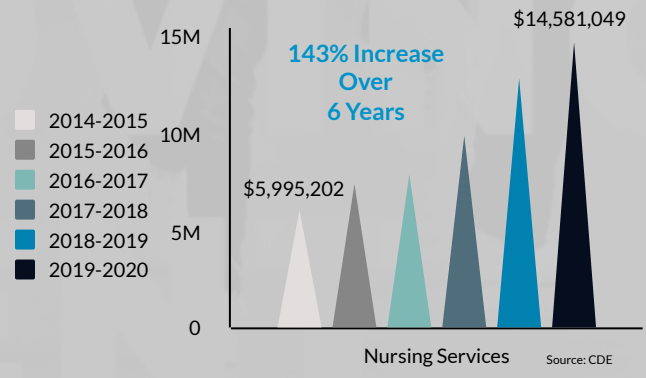
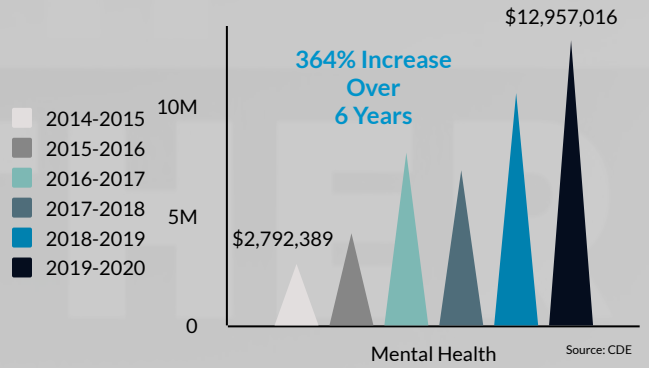
| Nursing Services | **$14,581,049** |
| Mental Health | **$12,957,016** |
| Care Coordination | **$5,486,784** |
| Health/Clinic Aids | **$3,813,928** |
| Equipment/Supplies | **$2,096,901** |

## Support for Nursing Services




Funding for health services in schools is limited; participating districts utilize these much needed resources to pay for school nurses and other health professionals. Medicaid reimbursements provided funding for 808 FTEs, across the state, during the 2019-2020 SY.

## Support for Mental Health

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