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## SBHC Policy Landscape State and Federal Updates


**Wednesday June 28, 2023**  
**Session: F6**

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## TODAY'S PRESENTERS




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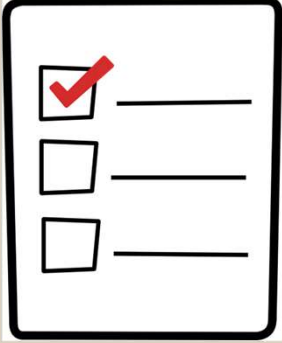


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### Objectives

- Summarize key findings from SBHA's 2023 State Policy Survey
- Compare the current SBHC policy landscape to that of 2016-17
- Discuss the implications of SBHC state-level policies on the field



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- State-level SBHC Champions
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### Background and Context



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### Our Policy Priorities

The School-Based Health Alliance advocates for policies at the federal level that sustain and grow SBHCs, while supporting the school-based health care field to advance policies at state and local levels.

-  Federal support
-  Health and Education Collaboration
-  Workforce Development
-  Medicaid Funding and Flexibility
-  Funding for Health Centers



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**Q&A**

**Who's Here?**

Do you represent an:

- SBHC
- Sponsoring Org
- Affiliate
- State Program Office
- National Organization

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**State-Level Updates**

School-Based Health Center  
Policy Assessment Findings





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Are SBHCs Effective?

What states are providing funding?  
*How much?  
To whom?*

How do we use this for advocacy?



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**State Relations: a National Perspective**

**State Affiliates**


*"While all lobbying is advocacy, not all advocacy is lobbying"*

- Advocacy**
  - state and federal education, information, and awareness, enhancing an org's mission
- Lobbying**
  - Communication with elected officials about specific legislation, and urging a vote for or against
- Training**
  - Learning collaboratives, initiatives, consulting
- Community Engagement**
  - schools, parent/guardian, health entities, youth, etc.

**State Program Offices**

- Designated State Governmental Office**
  - DOE, DOH, etc.
- Oversees \***
  - Funding process
  - Certification
  - Compliance
  - Key Performance Measures
  - Data Collection and Reporting
  - Evaluation
  - Budgeting Requests
  - Technical Assistance and Training

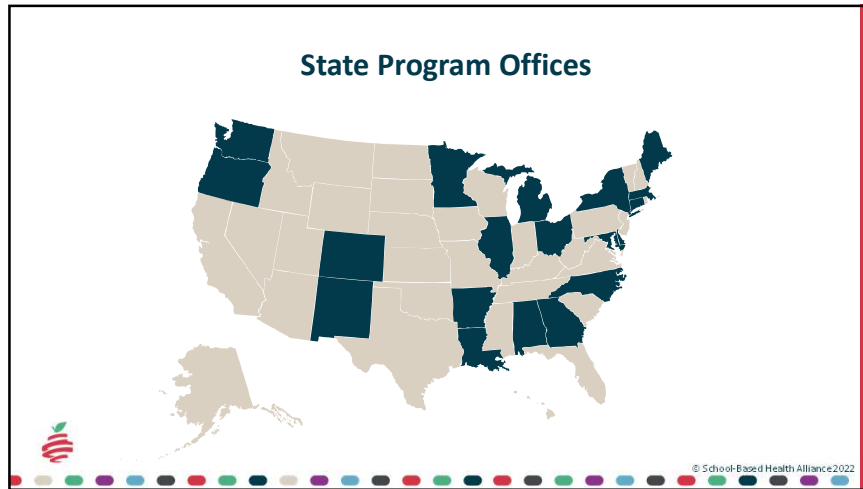
\* Depends on state & SPO stage of development



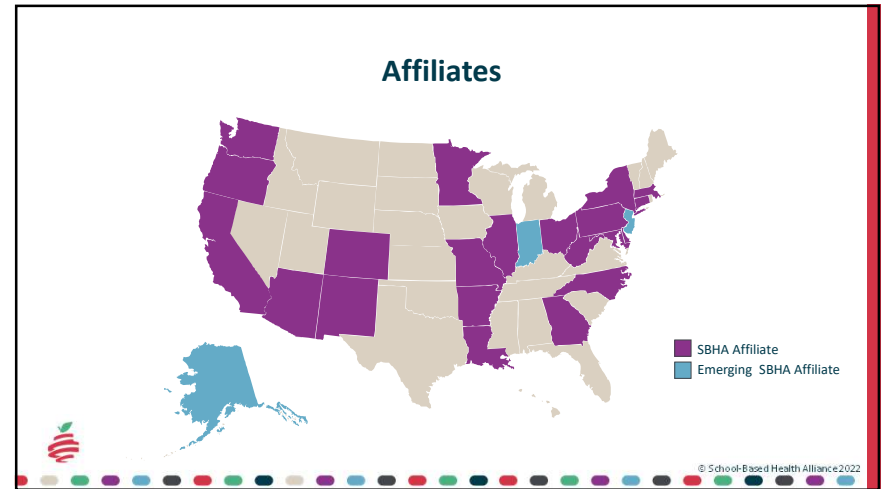
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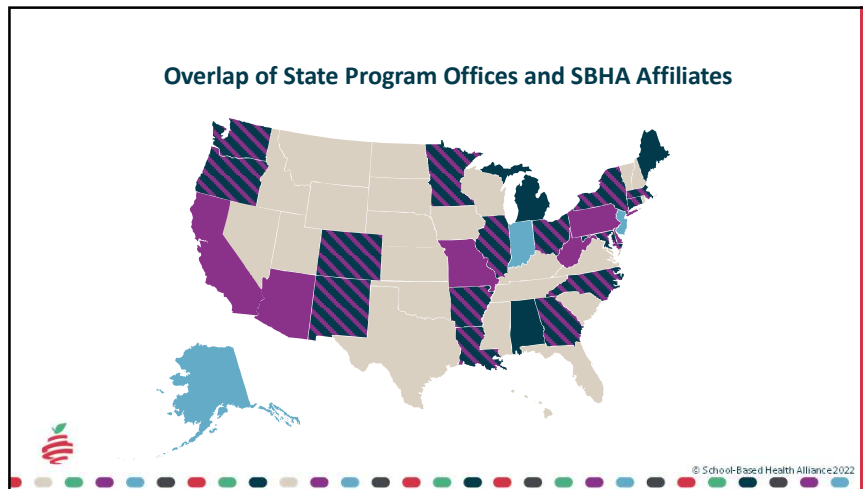
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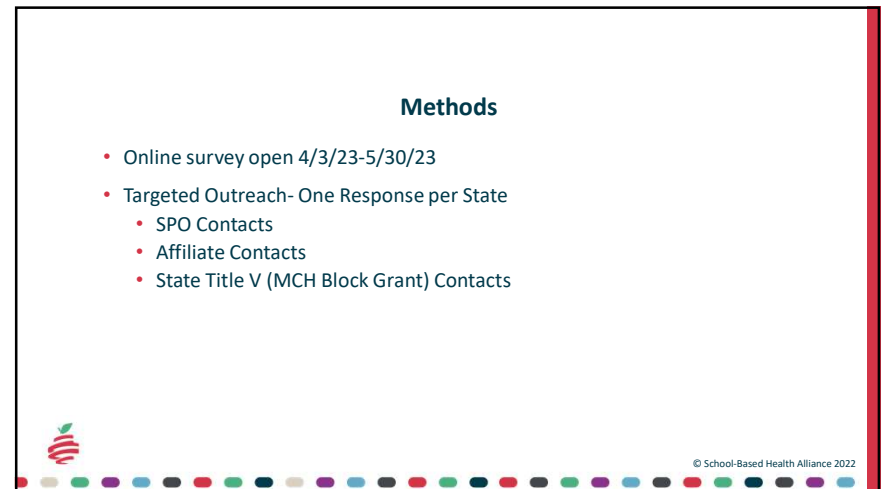
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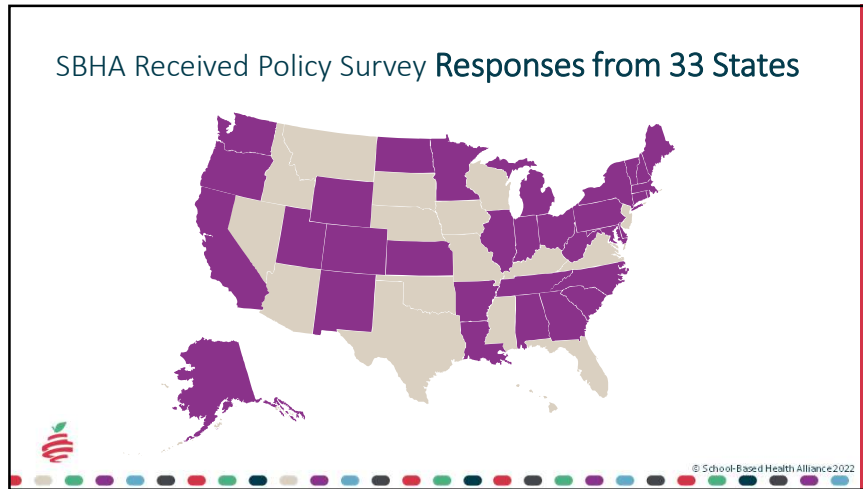


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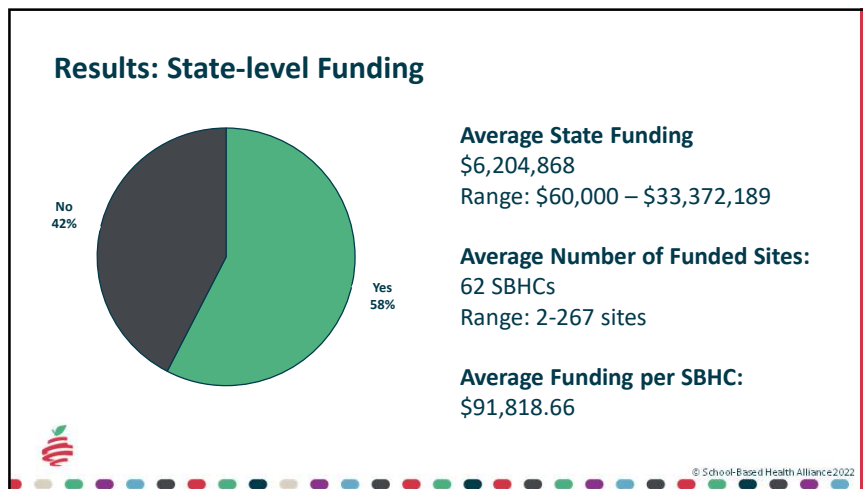


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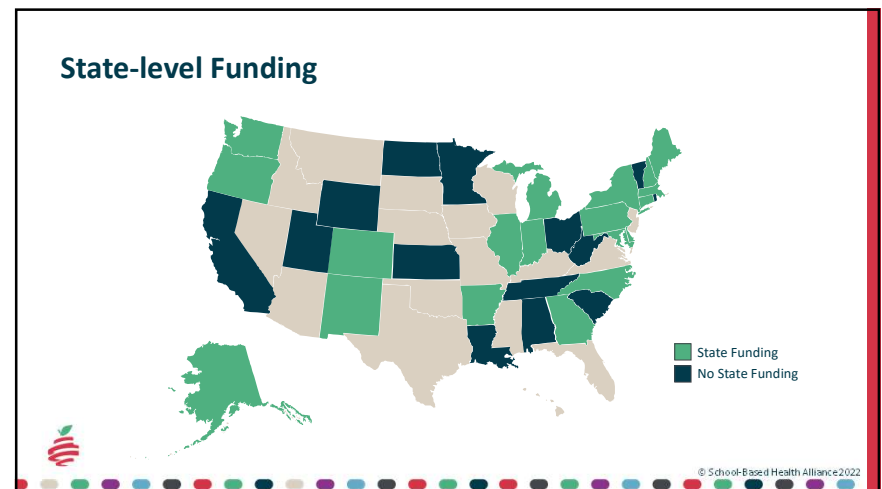
### Survey Focus Areas & Findings

- Funding**
- Alignment**
  - Definitions
  - National Performance Measures
- Provision of Contraceptives**
- Other**
  - Partnerships
  - COVID Changes

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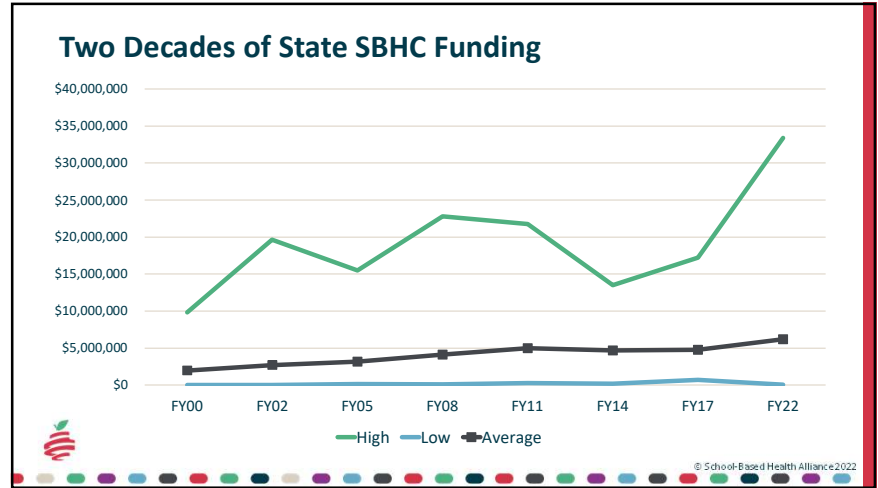
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### Funding Summary – Quick Comparison

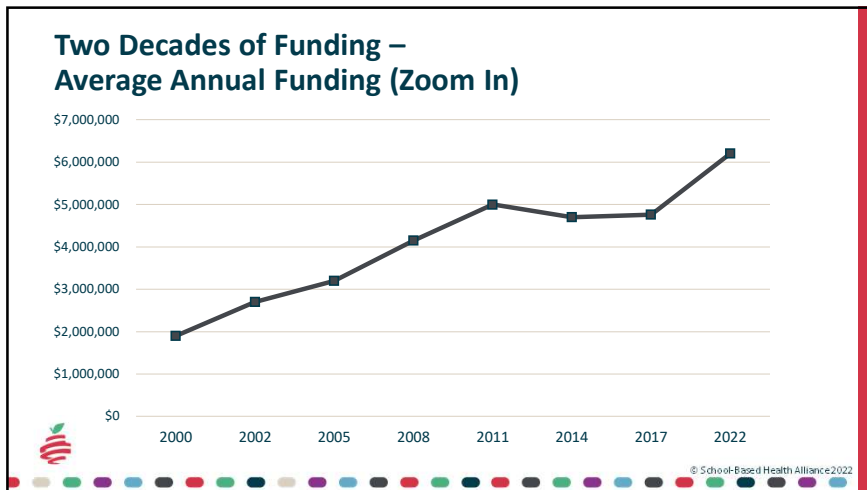
	State Investment FY22 (n=18)	State Investment FY17 (N=16)	State Investment FY14 (N=18)
Total	\$111,687,634	\$76,211,963	\$85,100,000
Average	\$6,204,868	\$4,763,247	\$4,700,000
High	\$33,372,189	\$17,225,804	\$13,500,000
Low	\$60,000	\$700,000	\$200,000

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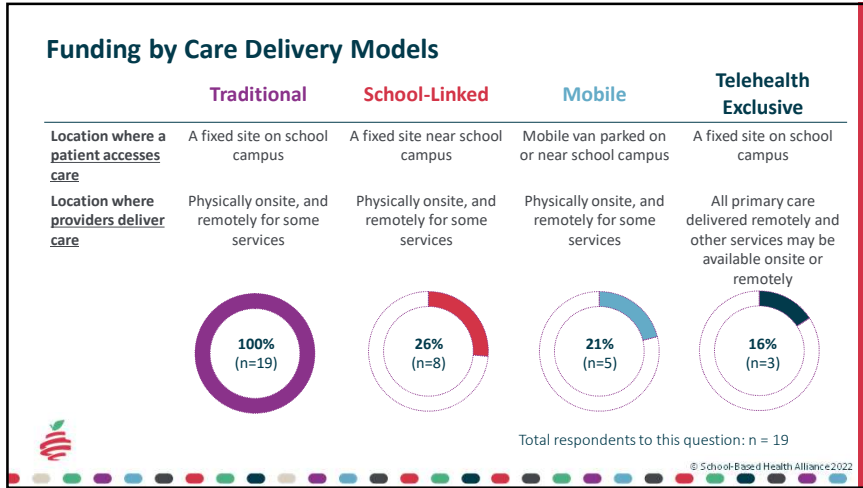
### Funding Summary – Average State Investment & SBHC Count

	Avg. State Investment	Avg. # SBHCs/State
FY05	\$3,200,000	37
FY08	\$4,150,000	43
FY11	\$5,000,000	49
FY14	\$4,700,000	51
FY17	\$4,760,000	47
FY22	\$6,200,000	62
<b>% Change</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>67.6%</b>

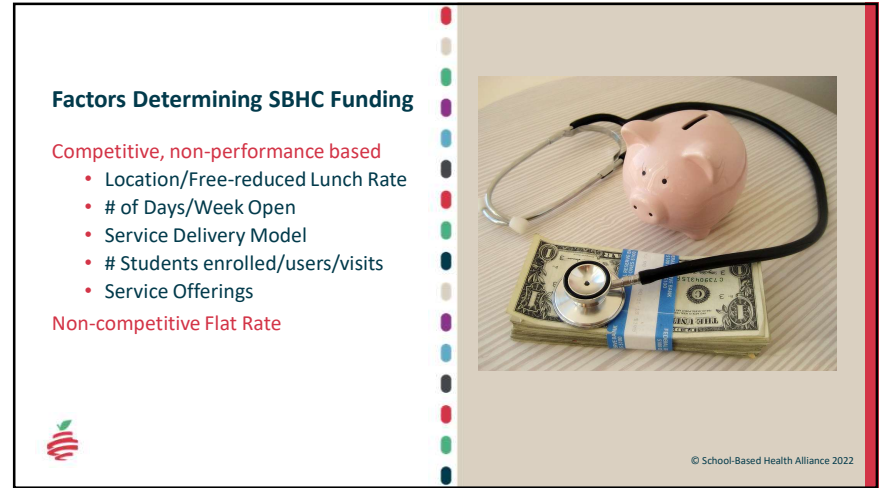
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### What is an SBHC?

**Federal Definition**

SBHCs were first defined in federal law in the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 [PUB1003.PS \(congress.gov\)](https://www.congress.gov/bills/111/1003/ps) - pg 85

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (2010) references this definition and expands on it, adding two new criteria:

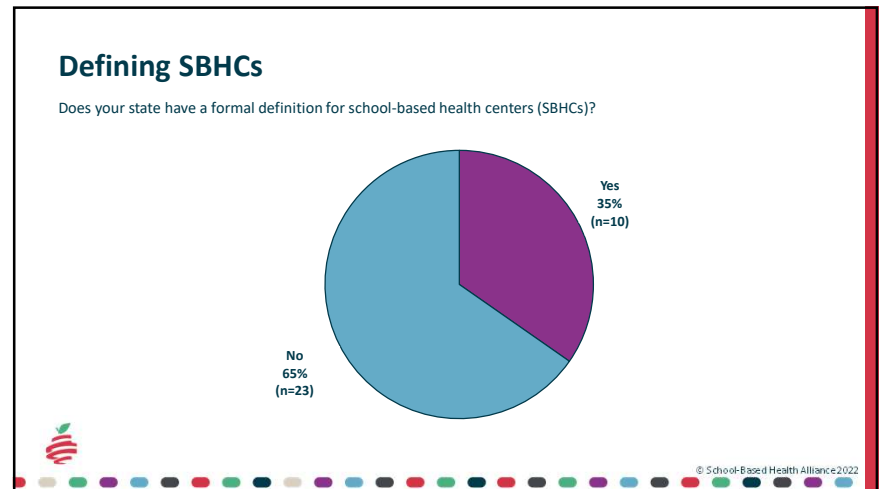
- provides, at a minimum, comprehensive primary health services during school hours to children and adolescents by health professionals in accordance with established standards, community practice, reporting laws, and other State laws, including parental consent and notification laws that are not inconsistent with Federal law; and
- does not perform abortion services.

[42 USC 280b-5: School-based health centers \(house.gov\)](https://www.gpo.gov/intercontent?title=42%20USC%20280b-5%3A%20School-based%20health%20centers)

“(9) SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER.—  
 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘school-based health center’ means a health clinic that—  
 “(i) is located in or near a school facility of a school district or board or of an Indian tribe or tribal organization;  
 “(ii) is organized through school, community, and health provider relationships;  
 “(iii) is administered by a sponsoring facility;  
 “(iv) provides through health professionals primary health services to children in accordance with State and local law, including laws relating to licensure and certification; and  
 “(v) satisfies such other requirements as a State may establish for the operation of such a clinic.  
 “(B) SPONSORING FACILITY.—For purposes of subparagraph (A)(iii), the term ‘sponsoring facility’ includes any of the following:  
 “(i) A hospital.  
 “(ii) A public health department.  
 “(iii) A community health center.  
 “(iv) A nonprofit health care agency.  
 “(v) A school or school system.  
 “(vi) A program administered by the Indian Health Service or the Bureau of Indian Affairs or operated by an Indian tribe or a tribal organization.”.

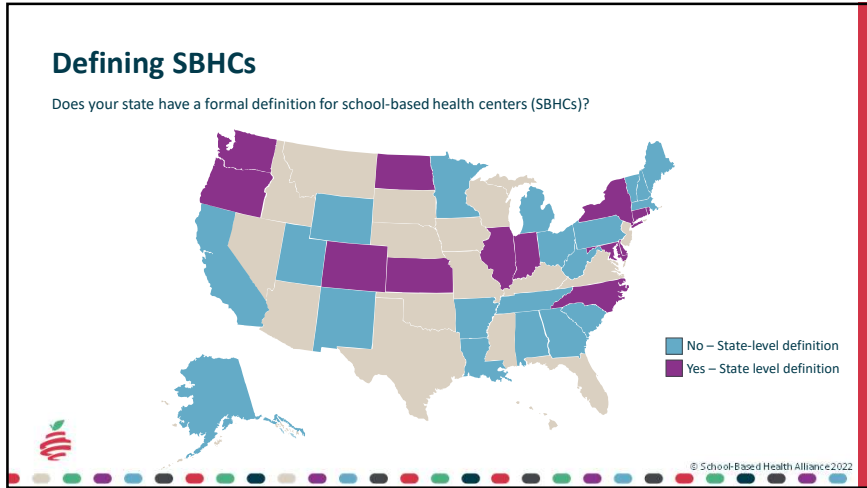
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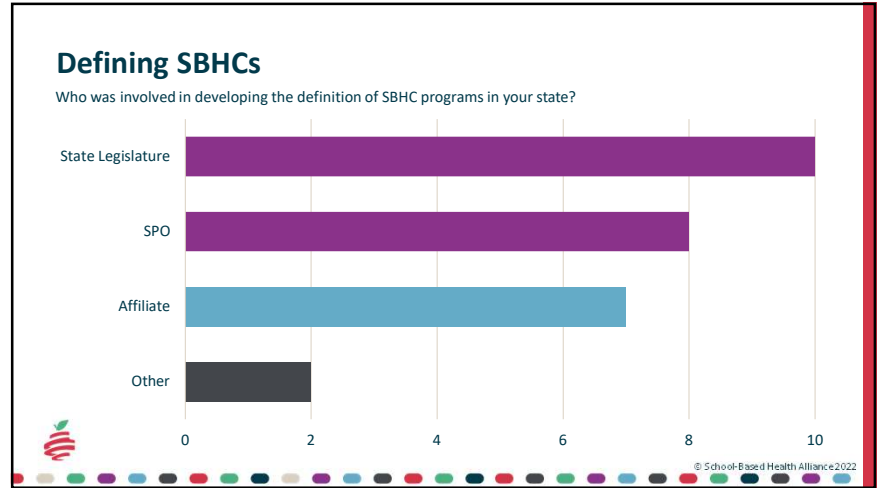


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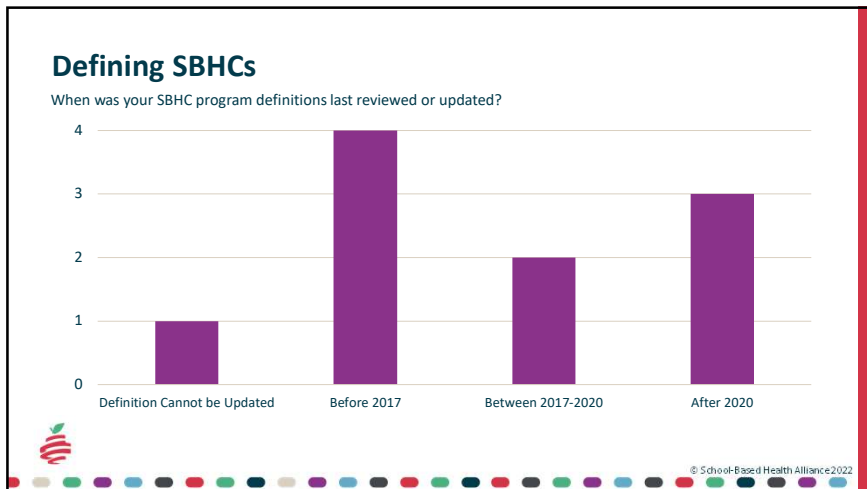
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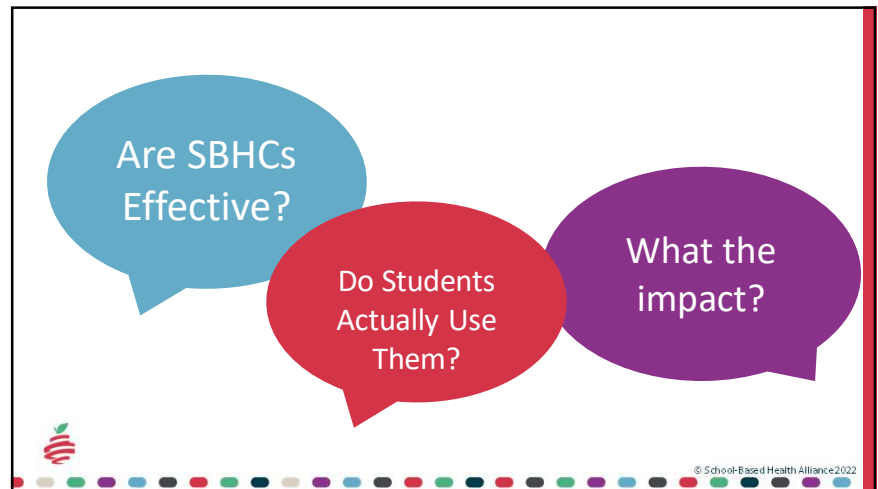
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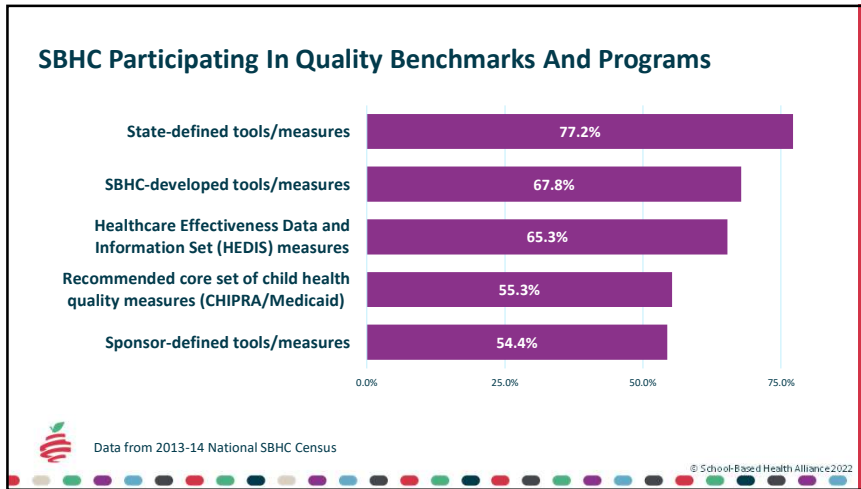
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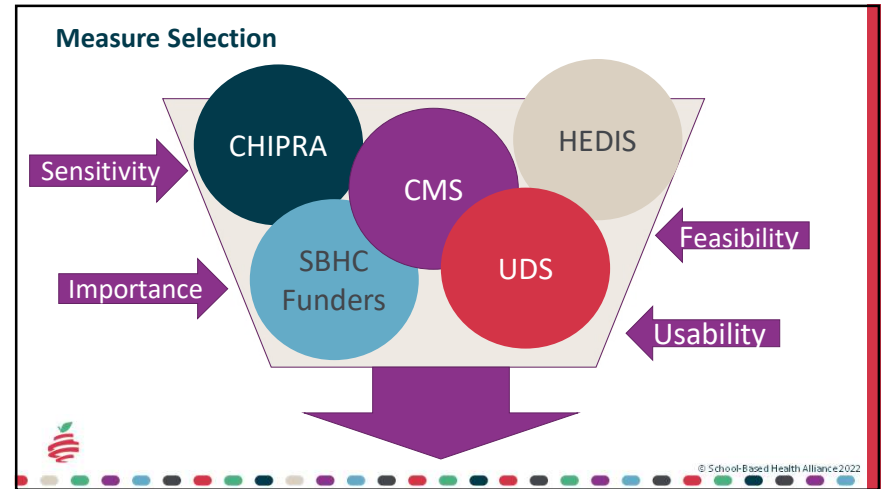
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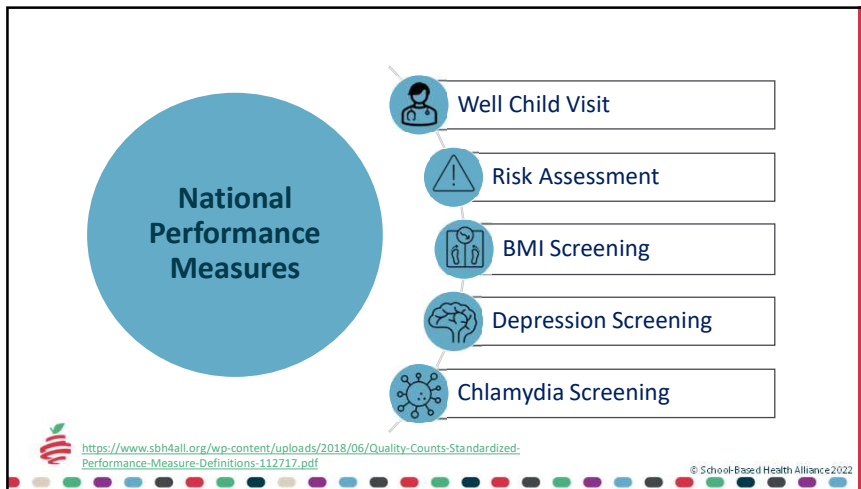
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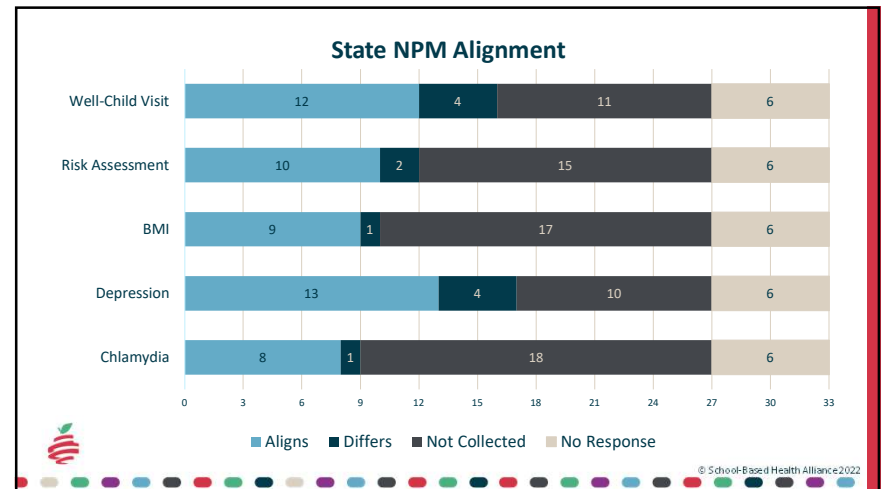
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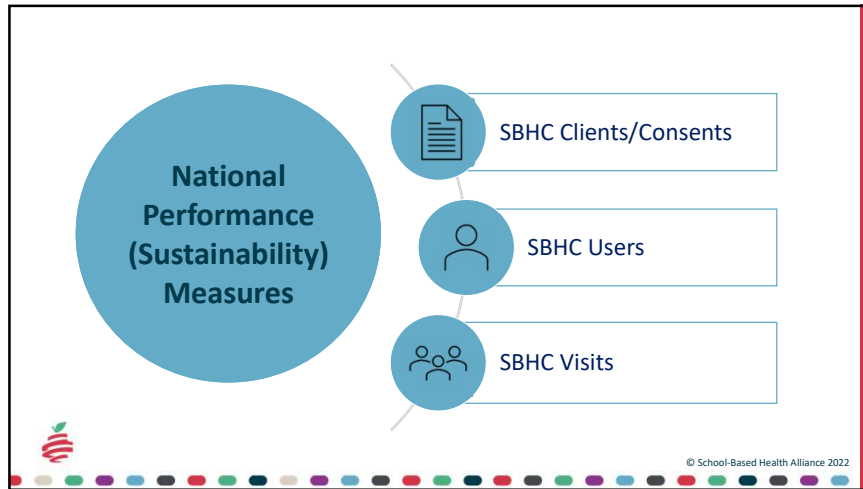


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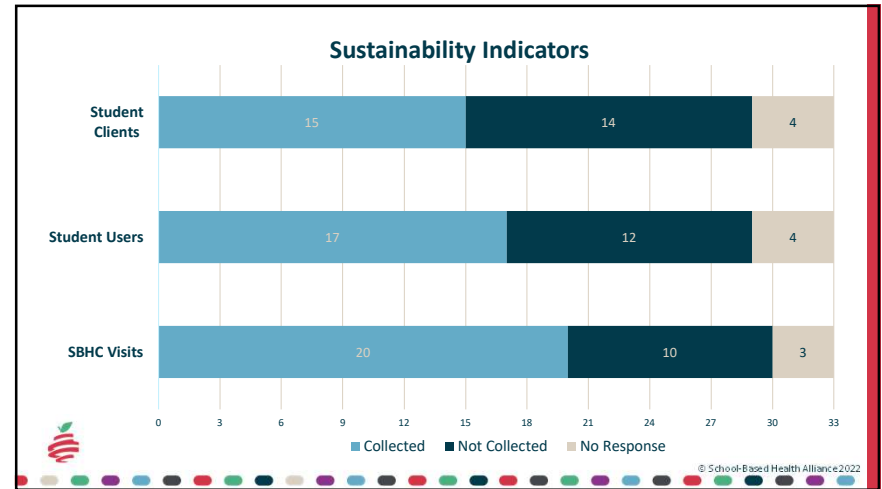


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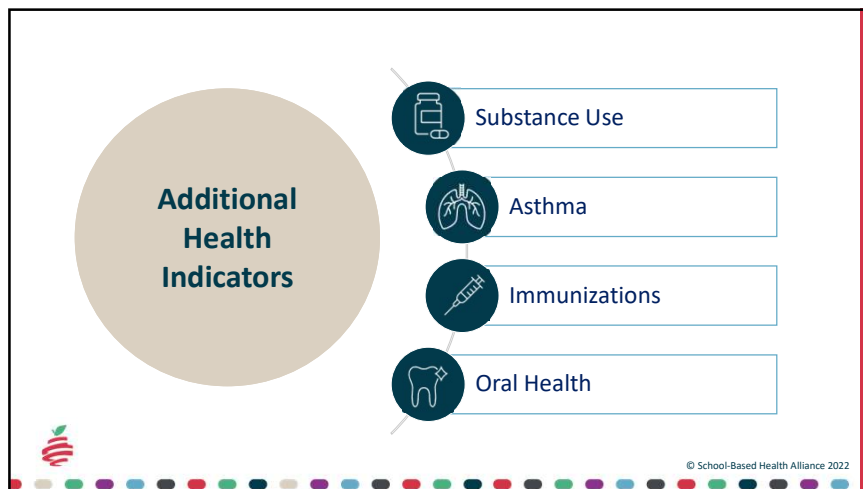
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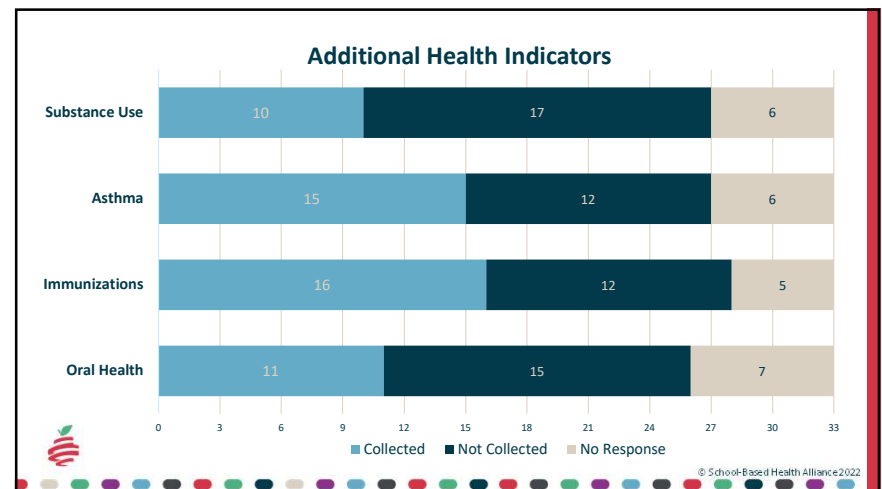
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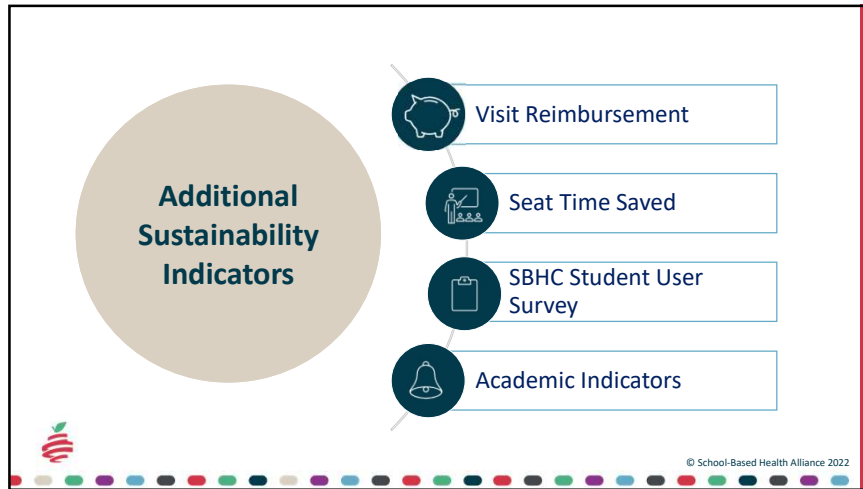


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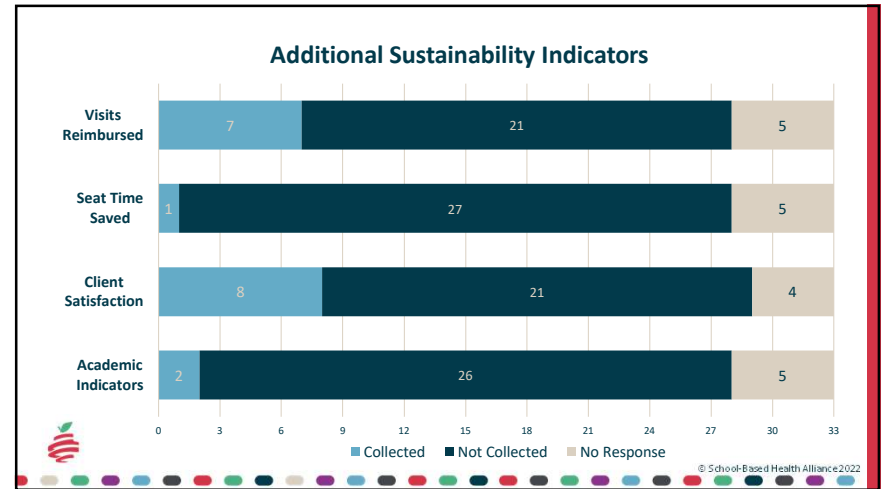


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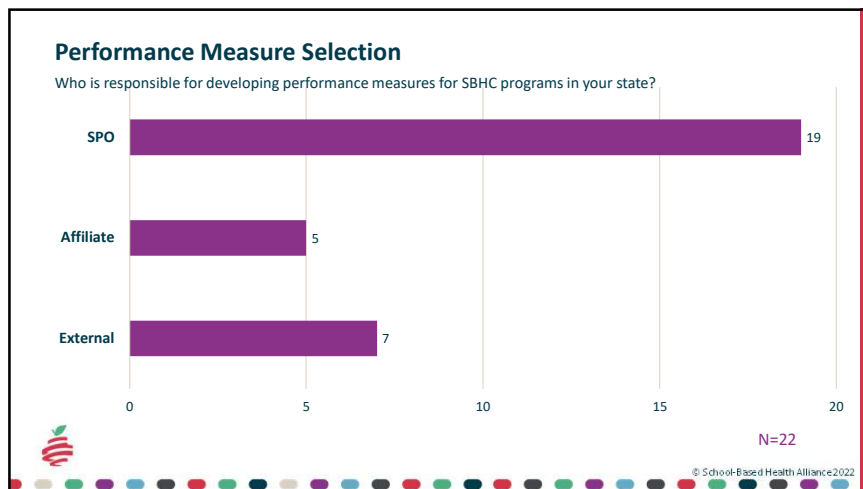
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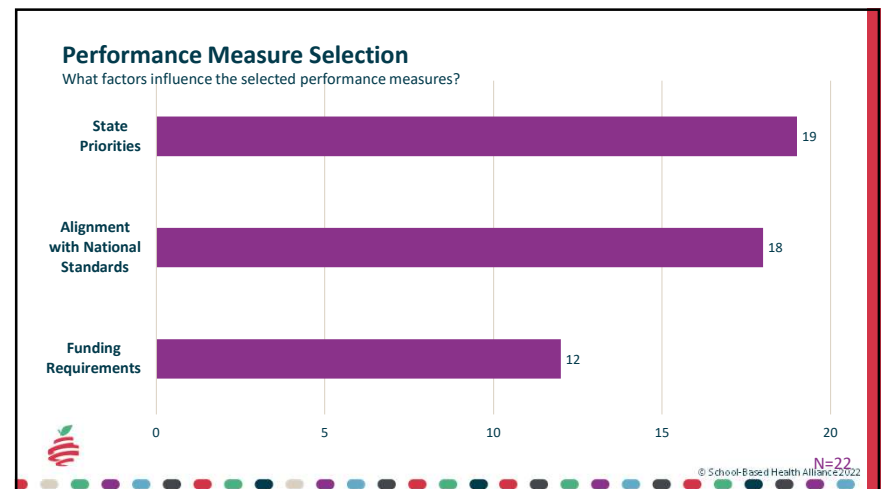
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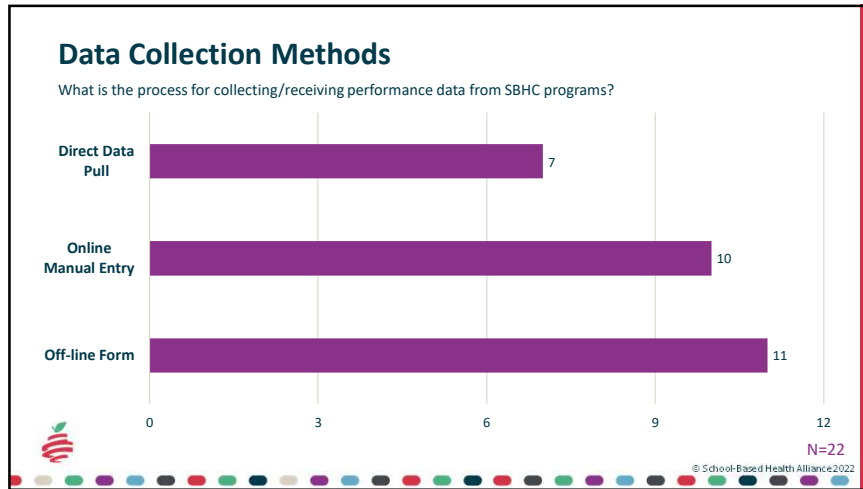


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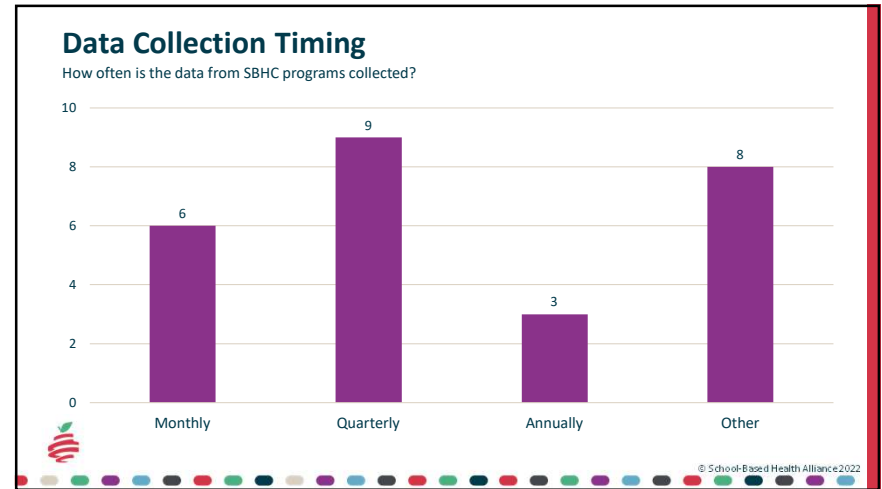


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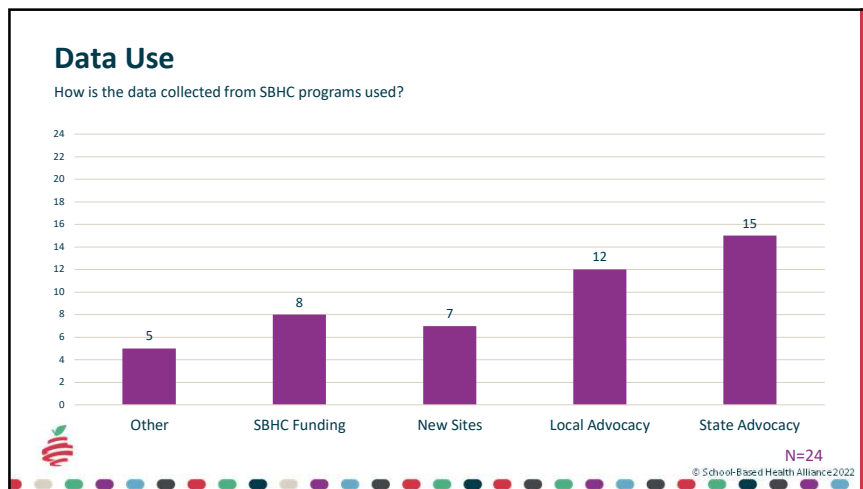
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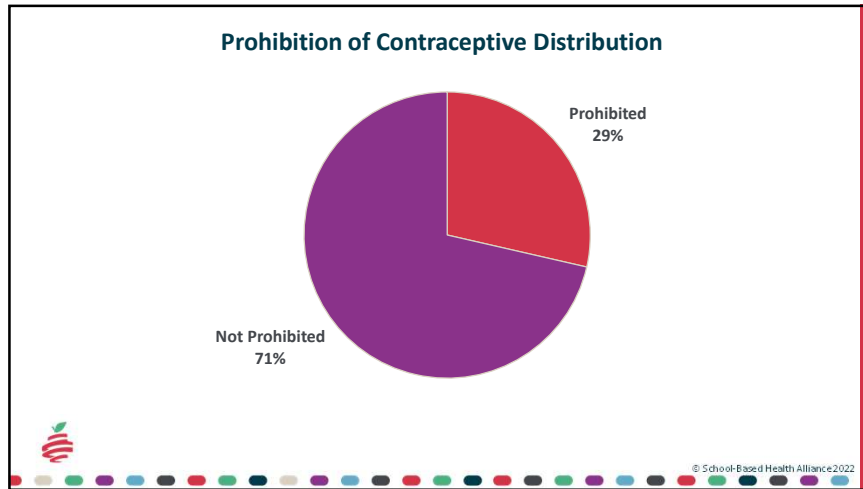


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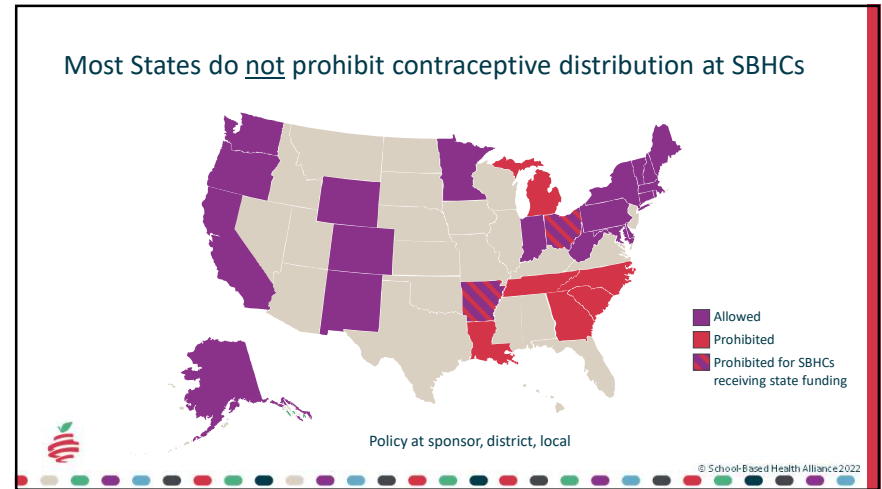


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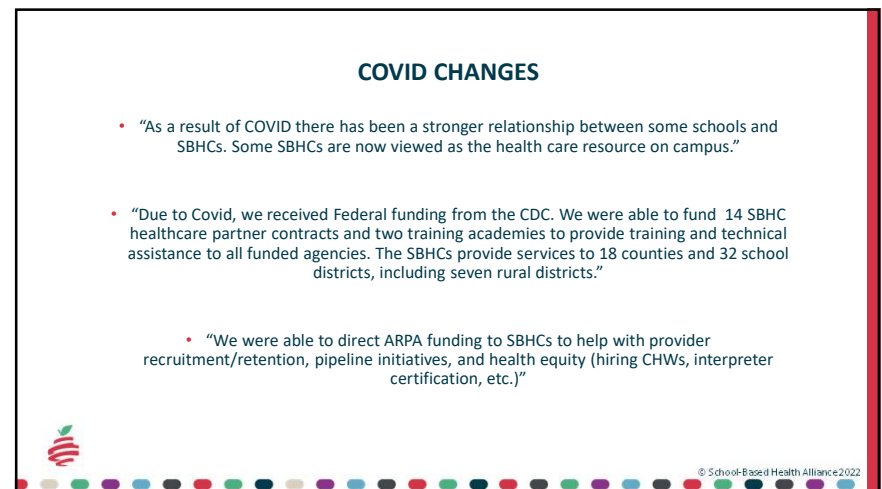
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## National-Level Updates





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## Federal Policy Landscape

**SBHC Appropriations**

- Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations process is underway
- Congress has made historic investments in SBHCs over the past several years
- In FY23, SBHCs within the Section 330 Health Centers Program received \$50 million
- SBHA is advocating for \$200 million for SBHCs in FY24 - \$100 million for SBHCs within the Section 330 Health Centers Program, and \$100 million for all other non-FQHC sponsor types

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## FY 2024 Appropriations Request

**\$200 million for SBHCs**

- \$100 million for SBHC within the Section 330 Health Centers Program
- \$100 million for SBHCs that do not receive Section 330 Health Centers funding.

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20513


March 24, 2023

The Honorable Ben Ray Lujan  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, HR, Education,  
and Related Agencies  
100A Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman and Ranking Member:

I am pleased to have the opportunity to discuss the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies FY 2024 appropriations bill, which includes \$200 million for school-based health centers (SBHCs). I am pleased to have the opportunity to discuss the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies FY 2024 appropriations bill, which includes \$200 million for school-based health centers (SBHCs). I am pleased to have the opportunity to discuss the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies FY 2024 appropriations bill, which includes \$200 million for school-based health centers (SBHCs).

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## Advocacy 101



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### Why do we Advocate?

- Policymakers can't support what they don't know about
- Strong relationships are the foundation for future support
- We are our Members of Congress' constituents and it is part of their job to listen



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### Tips for Successful Meetings

- Understand that the meeting time may change up until the day of. Remember to be flexible.

#### Do Your Research!

- Who is your representative or Senator? Committees, interests, priorities, previous careers...
- Have they visited an SBHC? Any previous support for SBHCs?
- Which SBHCs are in their district?



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### Tips for Successful Meetings

#### What to Discuss?

- You are there to educate and tell the story of SBHCs in your community
  - **Stories PLUS data** make a memorable impact
- Assume limited knowledge of staff
  - Do a brief SBHC 101 before diving in
- What is the impact of the SBHC to the community?
  - Focus on a few areas – mental health, oral health, primary care...
- Make the federal policy connection and **THE ASK!**
  - Appropriations, youth mental health, workforce, Medicaid
  - **"The Ask"** - \$200 million for SBHCs in Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations



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