

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY DAY

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EMPIRE STATE PLAZA, ALBANY



School Based Health Centers

Request

Reject the Cutting and Block Granting of the School Based Health Center (SBHC) Program

Background

- The budget proposal would consolidate 40 different programs into five block grants and reduce the total amount of money available by 15%.
 - **This jeopardizes over \$21 Million or nearly 40% in total funding for School-Based Health Centers.**
- The proposal would require SBHCs to compete with 10 other programs for continued funding and provides no guarantee that SBHCs will receive funds in 2015.
- SBHCs provide comprehensive primary health care services, including oral and behavioral health, to **over 200,000 children in schools in medically underserved areas.**
- **The number of students served by FQHC-sponsored SBHCs increased by 67% between 2008 and 2013.**
- SBHCs have already seen a \$3.2 Million reduction in State Aid and the loss of 8 sites since 2008.
- **Reducing funding for SBHCs could be disastrous for the health of millions of New York's school children.**