



# Health Services and Health Insurance in NYC DOE Schools

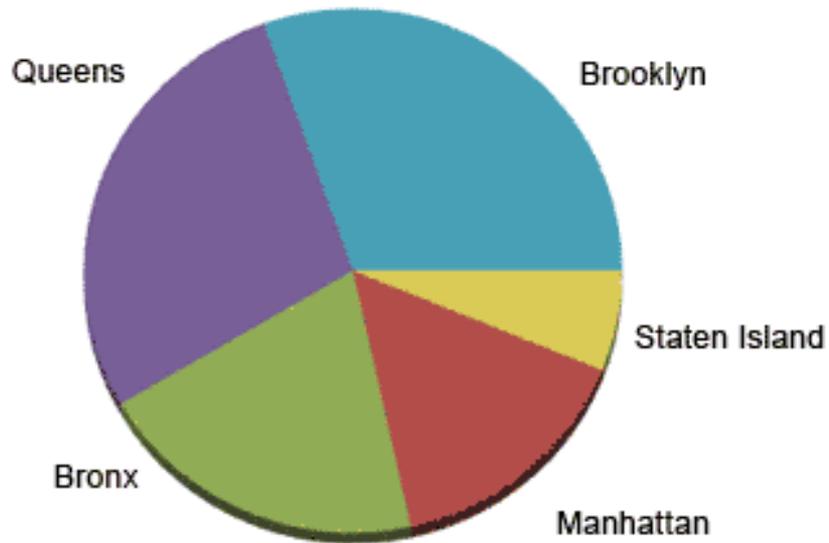
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# Agenda

- ✓ **General Data About NYC DOE Schools and Students**
- ✓ **Description of Health Services (SBHCs)**
- ✓ **Best Practices / Lessons Learned**
- ✓ **Challenges**
- ✓ **Next Steps**

# General Data: Enrollment 2015-2016

## 1.13 Million Students



Brooklyn	342,119
Manhattan	177,179
Queens	306,965
Staten Island	65,714
Bronx	241,986

# Racial Composition

Borough	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other
Queens	27.9%	18.7%	37.6%	13.1%	2.6%
Bronx	4.4%	28.3%	61.7%	4.2%	1.4%
Brooklyn	15.4%	38.1%	27.9%	16.8%	1.8%
Manhattan	12.0%	23.9%	45.4%	15.8%	2.8%
Staten Island	8.3%	13.9%	28.1%	47.9%	1.9%

# Disabilities, ELL, and Poverty

Borough	% Students with Disabilities	% English Language Learners	% Poverty
Queens	16.1%	13.3%	75.2%
Bronx	21.5%	15.8%	87.9%
Brooklyn	17.9%	12.0%	77.5%
Manhattan	18.9%	10.6%	68.8%
Staten Island	24.2%	5.1%	56.9%

# SBHCs: Addressing Students' Health Needs

- Over 25 year old program providing care for underserved populations
- Primary care and preventive health services for SBHC enrolled students during school hours, including immunizations, TB testing, Screening, diagnosis, and treatment of medical conditions.
- First aid care to all students registered in school
- Emergency care to anyone on school premises
- Free to students. However, SBHCs bill Medicaid and Private Health insurance.

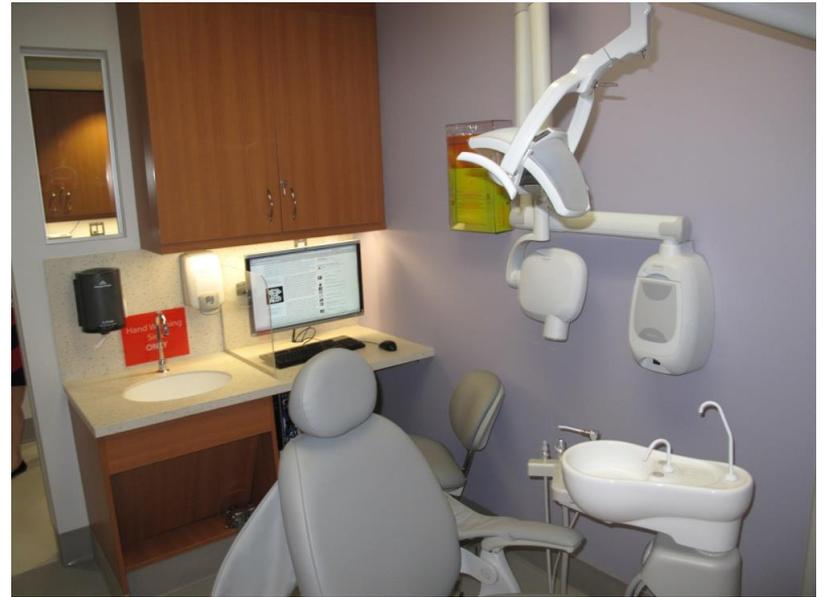
# SBHC Highlights

- 143 SBHCs in NYC serving 350 schools – ongoing expansion
  - **Manhattan (43)**
  - **Bronx (55)**
  - **Brooklyn (33)**
  - **Queens (10)**
  - **Staten Island (2)**
- Sponsored by 30 health care providers
- List of SBHCs available at DOE Website

# SBHC with dental services (JFK Campus)



# SBHC Facilities (JFK Campus)



# Health Insurance

- All students in New York City public schools up to the age of 18 are eligible for public health insurance at minimal or no cost
- Approximately 5% of our students do not have health insurance
- OHS collaborates with the Office of Citywide Health Insurance Access (OCHIA) to increase access to public health insurance to our students and their families
- We ask Principals to remind families that the Affordable Care Act requires everybody obtain health insurance.

# Health Insurance Data Average for all NYC DOE Schools

- ❖ 44% Medicaid
- ❖ 5% CHP-B
- ❖ 23% Unknown (either the parents did not report status or the information was not entered into ATS).
- ❖ 23% Private Insurance
- ❖ 5% No insurance

# Best Practices / Lessons Learned

- ❖ Foster friendly relationship with school administration / parent coordinator (reach out to school staff).
- ❖ Some navigators hold annual events like breakfast at a local hotel where they acknowledge parent coordinators and other school staff.
- ❖ Attend school events, e.g., parent/teachers conferences, back-to-school events, health fairs at schools and annual high school fairs.
- ❖ Coordinate with school administration to send health insurance enrollment information with the school packet that is sent home at the beginning of school year.

# Challenges

- ❖ Building strong partnership with assigned schools.
- ❖ Identifying uninsured students and families
- ❖ Gathering contact information for uninsured students and parents

# DOE Support

- ❖ Post health insurance information on Principals' Weekly Newsletter.
- ❖ Update list of assigned schools and match providers annually.
- ❖ Inform providers if any school request a change or if any school becomes available.
- ❖ Provide letters of introduction as requested.
- ❖ Email principals to inform them of navigator assigned to their schools.
- ❖ Coordinate with other DOE offices to secure space for navigators at High School Fairs.

# DOE Support

## Information posted on DOE Website:

- ❖ Individuals and families can enroll in health insurance in any of the following ways:
- ❖ To explore coverage options and apply online for insurance: <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/> (Official Health Plan Marketplace)
  - For additional information: Call the Marketplace help line at 1-855-355-5777 (Mo-Fri 8:00am-8:00pm; Sat. 9:00am-1:00pm). TTY: 1:800-355-5700
  - Parents can phone the navigator assigned to their school. For navigator information, please contact Solluz Melendez at [smelendez7@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:smelendez7@schools.nyc.gov)

# Navigators

- Affinity Health Plan (148)
- Empire BlueCross  
BlueShield HealthPlus  
(657)
- Fidelis (98)
- Health First (581)
- Metro Plus Health Plan  
(237)
- United Healthcare (52)
- WellCare of New York  
(36)
- Brooklyn Perinatal  
Network, Inc. (2)
- Morris Heights Health  
Center (17)
- Sheltering Arms/Safe  
Space NYC Inc. (8)

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