

# Working Together to Build Strong Healthcare and School District Partnerships

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# Health of Ohio's Children

Ohio's performance is consistently in or near the bottom half of states on rankings of child health and wellbeing.

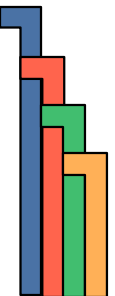
Ohio ranks in the bottom half of states and D.C. on 65% of child health metrics.

Children in Ohio have more hospital admissions for asthma than children in most other states.



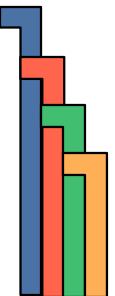
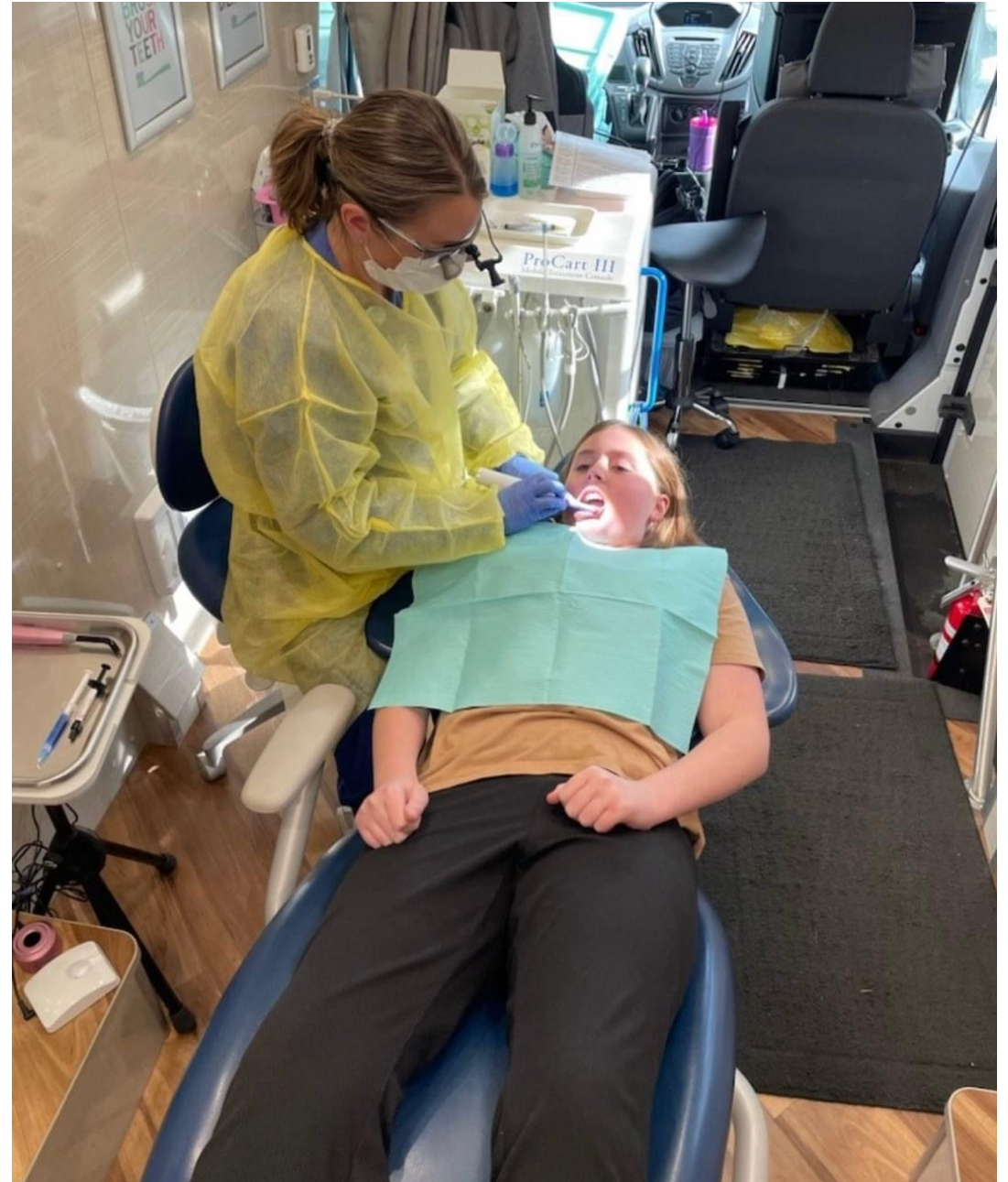
# Vision for Ohio's Children

80% of children who fail vision screening do not have a comprehensive eye exam.



# Dental for Ohio's Children

Cavities, also known as caries or tooth decay, are the most common chronic disease of childhood.

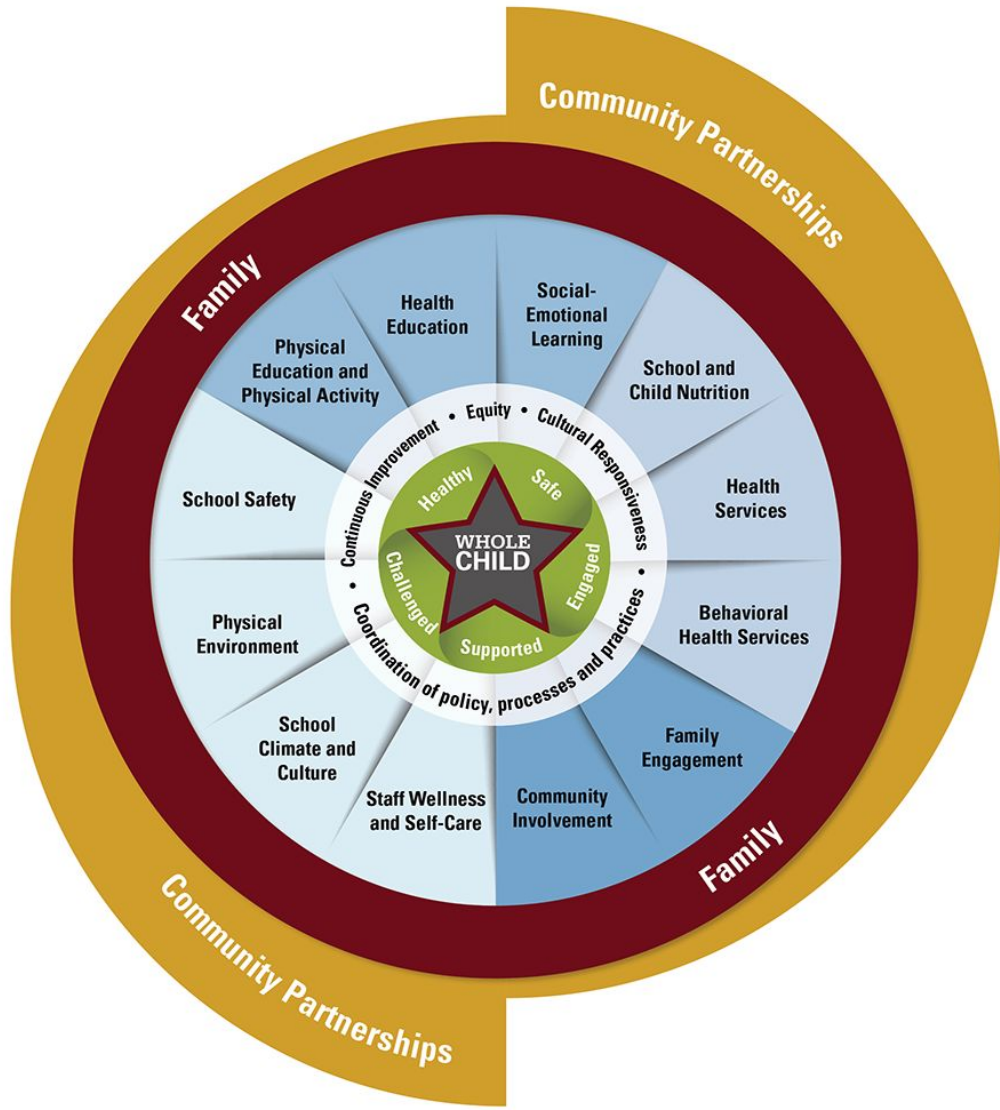




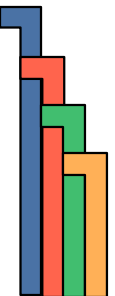
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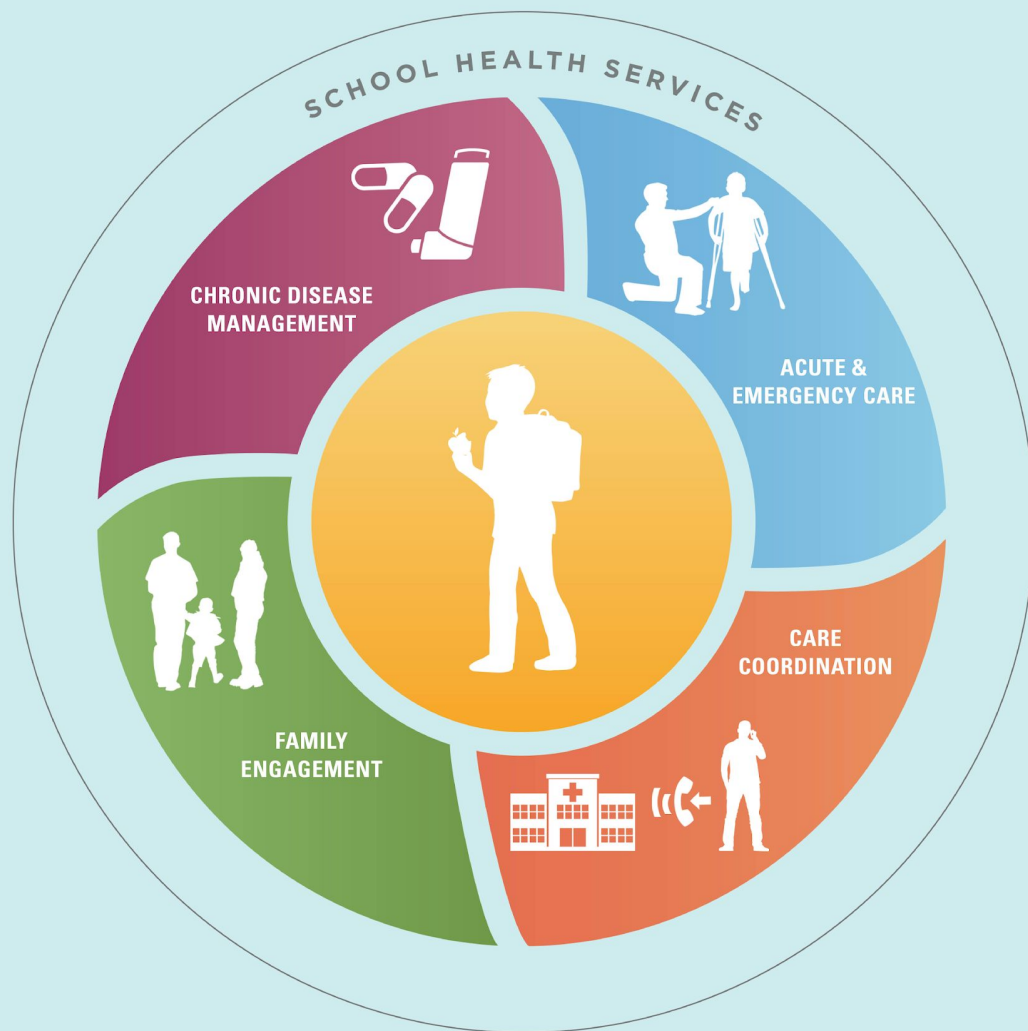
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OHIO'S  
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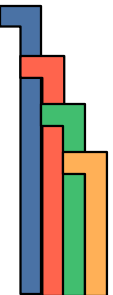


# School Health Services





School nurses are a critical component to a successful partnership and consequently have the ability to impact the trajectory of children's lives.





# Accessibility

According to a 2023 JAMA publication, School Based Health Centers reduce income-based disparities with children having access to a usual source of healthcare.

Identify a healthcare concern.

Link to resource.

Follow-up as necessary.

Collaboration around the identified concern.



# Delivery Models



**On Site**



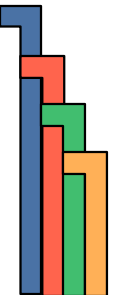
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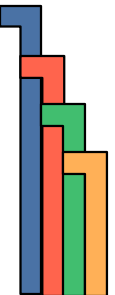


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# Local Organizations

**In**  **YourArea**



# Integration

Level of integration is dependent on the delivery model. The delivery model determines the amount of time spent within a particular building/district.



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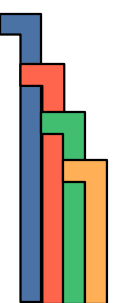
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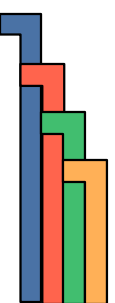
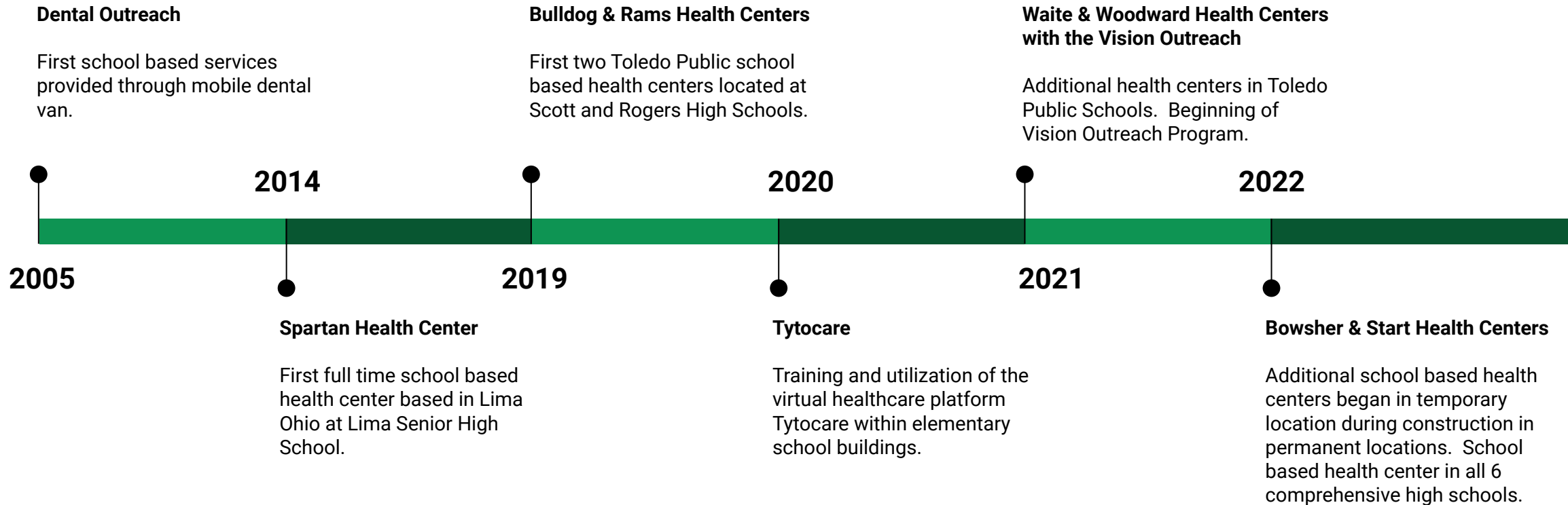
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# Partnership Timeline





# We Take Care of the Whole Person

## Mind – Body – Spirit

*To do this we implement an integrated model of care. Multiple healthcare providers will be visiting you to discuss your health, because we are here to take care of all of your health care needs. Charges will vary for each of these services but Health Partners is dedicated to working with patients to keep costs reasonable.*



### Medical

Our medical services focus on the delivery of wellness and preventive care, episodic sick care, and chronic disease management.



### Dental

Dental care is critical to an individual's overall health. We provide comprehensive dental services to our community.



### Behavioral Health

Our counselors work with patients for a period of time to help find solutions to their problems.



### Pharmacy Services

Health Partners offers full service pharmacies at many of our sites for patients of our health centers. We accept a variety of health plans.



### Substance Abuse Treatment

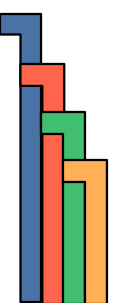
Our model is a comprehensive, evidence-based, public health approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services.



### Social Services

Health Partners is dedicated to making sure you have what you need to be healthy. Our team is here to help.

# On Site School Based Health Centers



# TytoCare Telemedicine





# Outreach Services





# Asthma Action Program



Are you worried about  
your child's asthma?

**We can help!**

Health Partners is here to make sure kids  
breathe easy at school and home.

### What we offer:

- Medical visits at school.
- Regular check-ups.
- Free medicine delivery.
- Home visits.

### Why choose us?

- We work with the school nurse.
- We care about your kids.
- Someone to talk to about asthma.
- Care focused on your child and you.



## Health Partners Asthma Outreach Program Referral Form

Please fax to (567) 200-4136 or email [asthmaprogram@hpwohio.org](mailto:asthmaprogram@hpwohio.org)

### Student Information:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male Female

Student Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Information:

Consent to Contact: Yes No

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Interpreter Needed: Yes No Language: \_\_\_\_\_

### Referral Information:

School Nurse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reason for Referral: (circle all that apply)

- No medical provider
- Frequent ER/hospitalizations
- Frequent school absence related to asthma
- Frequent nurse visits related to asthma
- No asthma medication at school

Other Reason for Referral: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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### Health Partners of Western Ohio Follow Up Documentation:

Date guardian contacted: \_\_\_\_\_ Desire Services: Yes No

Date of initial assessment: \_\_\_\_\_

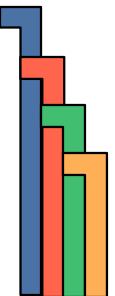


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# Immunization On Site & Outreach



Fall 2023	Total Vaccines	Total Patients
Bowsher	267	128
Bulldog	267	136
Start	154	100
Rogers	237	120
Waite	190	90
Woodward	180	90
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1295</b>	<b>664</b>



# Coordination

Alignment

Clarifying roles

Shared leadership

Clear expectations,  
focus, and goals

Create agreed upon  
work flow

Success benchmarks  
– What does success  
look like?

Commitment to the  
partnership including  
working through the  
challenges

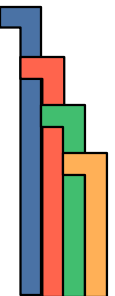
Consistent and  
frequent  
communication

Assigns liaisons  
between the  
community partner  
and the school  
and/or district

Provide adequate  
space for the  
services provided

Referrals and  
promotion of services

Identification of key  
champions





**Health Partners  
of Western Ohio**

During the 2022-2023 school year:



**4,146 Patients**



**6,254 Medical Visits**

Shots, sick visits, physicals, wellness



**3,703 Dental Care Visits**



**4,271 Behavioral Health Visits**



**1,808 Vision Services Visits**



**1,190 Pairs of Glasses**



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# Health care that works for you.

Taking care of your health is more than just being there when something goes wrong.

We take great care of our school communities – students, staff, and their families. Our care is easy to use and on campus, as well as in other locations. With a team that works together and services you can afford, you can get the care you need for a lifetime of wellness.

# School Nurse Reports



## Health Partners of Western Ohio Vision Outreach Services

**Spartan Health Center at  
Lima Senior High School**  
1 Spartan Way  
Lima, Ohio 45801  
419-222-3546  
Mon-Fri 7:30am-4:00pm

**Perry Health Center at  
Perry Local Schools**  
2770 E. Breese Rd  
Lima, OH 45806  
419-812-2915  
Mon-Fri 7:30am-4:00pm

**Gene Wright Community  
Health Center**  
441 East 8<sup>th</sup> St  
Lima, OH 45804  
419-221-3072  
Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm

**North Lima Community  
Health Center**  
1550 North Main St  
Lima, OH 45801  
419-405-7540  
Mon-Fri 8:00am-8:00pm

**Health Partners Quick Care**  
1550 North Main St  
Lima, OH 45801  
419-516-0327  
Mon-Sat 8:00am-8:00pm

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

### Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child had a complete eye exam today.

If their eyes were dilated, they may have blurred vision and be sensitive to bright light for a few hours. If you have questions, please call \_\_\_\_\_.

#### During the eye exam it was found that:

- No Glasses Needed** (Good Vision)
- Glasses Needed** (Glasses were chosen today and will be delivered to the school in 2-3 weeks.)
- Good Eye Health** (No eye health problems were found today. The next eye exam should be in one year.)
- Follow-Up or Referral Needed** (Our team will contact you in the next few days to discuss.)

#### Your child needs glasses because they have the following vision problem(s):

- Nearsighted** (Blurred far vision)
- Farsighted** (Blurred near vision)
- Astigmatism** (Blurred, shadowed vision at any distance)
- Amblyopia / "Lazy Eye"** (Poor vision due to not wearing glasses or having an eye turn)

#### Glasses should be worn:

- All the time**
- At school**
- Distance only**
- While reading / screen use**
- Other:**

Glasses Prescription: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expire Date: \_\_\_\_\_

	Sphere	Cylinder	Axis	Add	Prism	PD (Distance)	PD (Near)
OD (R)							
OS (L)							

#### Additional Notes:

*Lindsey King*  
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## Health Partners of Western Ohio 2023-2024 Vision Outreach Nurse Report

### Old West End Academy

3/5/24-3/7/24

Annual eye exams play an important role in our overall health. Health Partners of Western Ohio provides annual eye exams and glasses to your students. This report itemizes those services and the number of students we were able to help this school year. Our goal is to provide eye exams and glasses, if needed, to every student.

**Total student consents: 65**

Students received eye exams: **64**

Students received glasses: **32**

Students received eye patch treatment: **0**

Students referred for additional treatment/testing: **0**

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to come into your school and offer great quality Vision Care to your students. We look forward to working with you again next year.

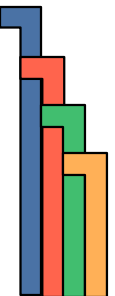
Sincerely,

Dr. Whitney White and Alicia Graber



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National Recognition Health Center Leader

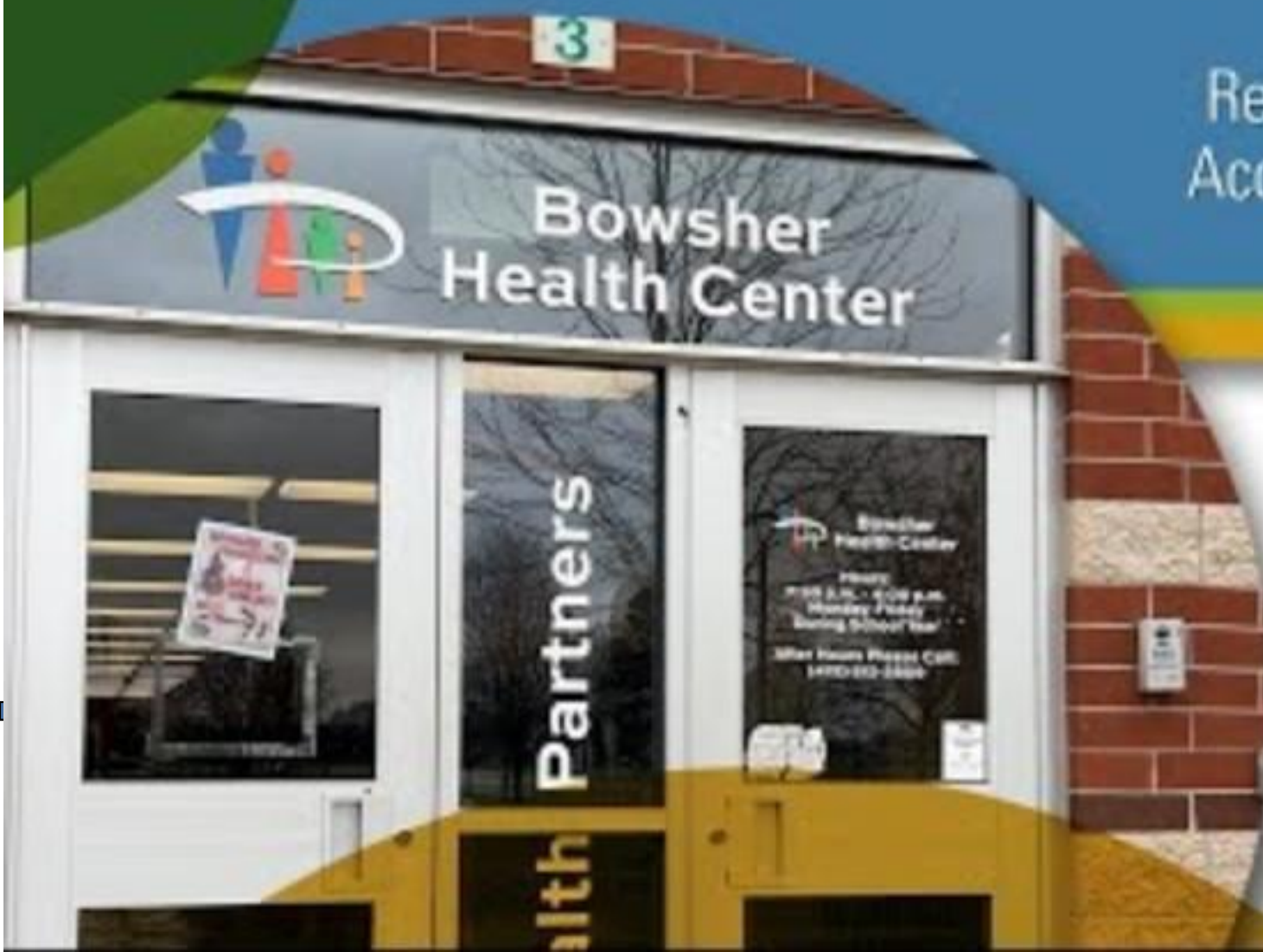




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# **Bowsher Health Center**

Removing Barriers to  
Accessible Healthcare

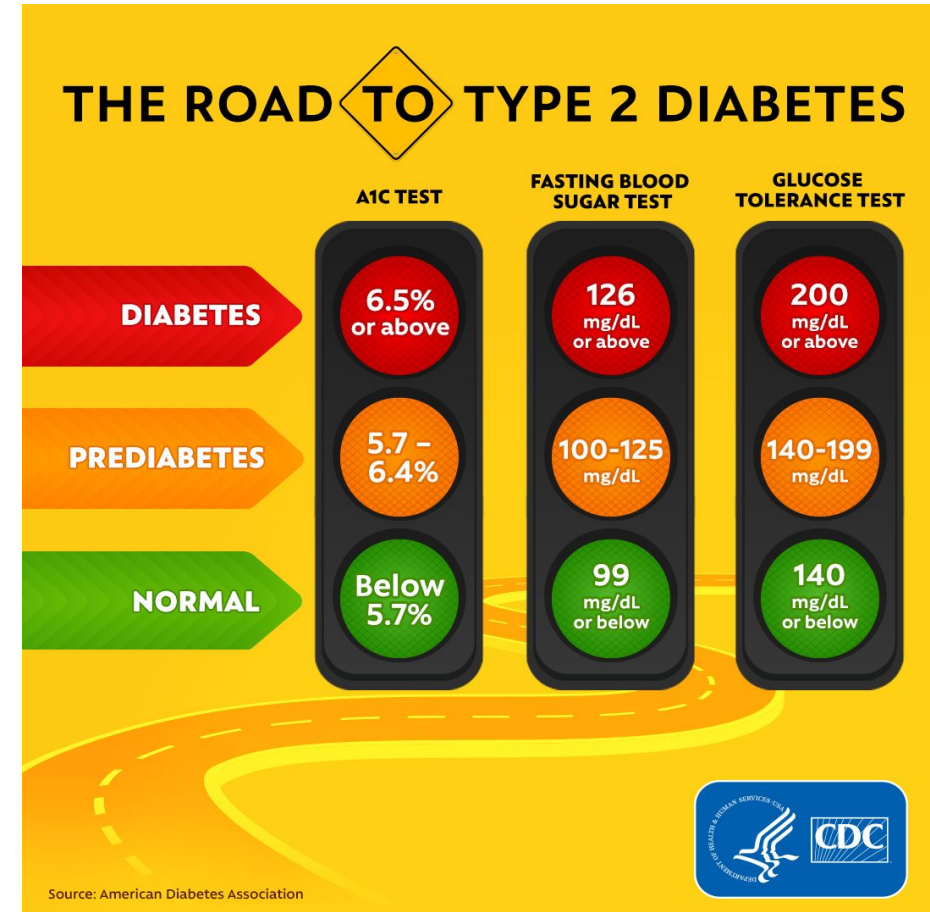


# Success Stories - Student

A 16 year old female student came to the SBHC referred by the school nurse. The student fell a few days prior and had an abrasion on her knee. The student had an elevated BMI, which trigger further screening for diabetes risk factors. The SBHC provider completed an A1C. The student's A1C was an 11.6% which indicates that the student is diabetic.

The student did not have a previous diabetes diagnosis. The student informed staff that her grandmother recently died as a result of diabetes complications and her father had uncontrolled diabetes.

The SBHC staff have continued to follow the student closely. The student's A1C has reduced to 6.1%. The staff will continue to follow her closely to help support the student on her road to health. The health center staff have also provided behavioral health supports and placed a referral to the embedded behavioral health support.

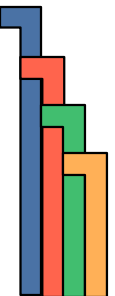
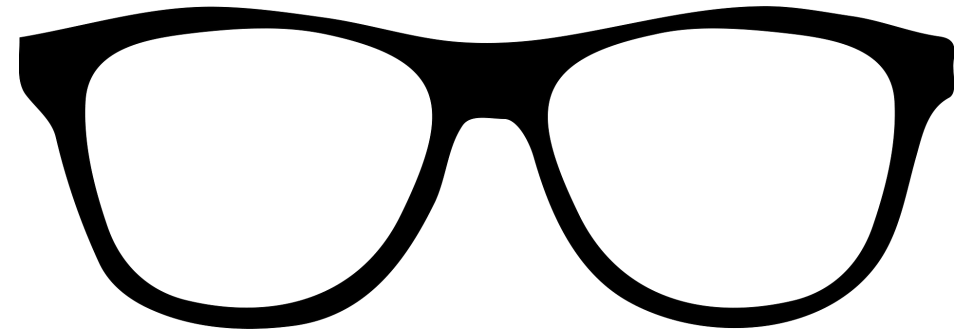


# Success Story – Student



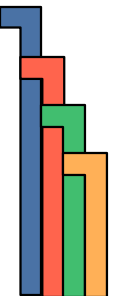
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A senior in high school received a comprehensive vision exam from the Vision Outreach Team. The student required glasses. The student completed the school required vision screenings in kindergarten, first, third, fifth, seventh, ninth, and eleventh grades. The student never received a comprehensive exam despite the failed vision screenings. The vision outreach team worked with the student to pick out glasses and dispensed the glasses to him after the glasses were received to ensure appropriate fit.



# Success Stories - Student

Student has presented to the health center with ongoing physical concerns as well as mental health concerns, including suicidal ideation. Patient has a history of inconsistency with medication and irregularly engaging in outpatient services. Through work with medical provider, patient was able to stabilize physical concerns and through behavioral health provider meeting with patient regularly, patient has learned coping strategies to manage suicidal ideations. Additionally, during a crisis situation, BHP was able to link patient with ongoing mental health services through community mental health. Patient has re-started medication, is consistently taking medication and attending therapy. Patient has noted a significant improvement in mood and is doing well.

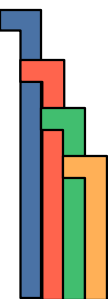
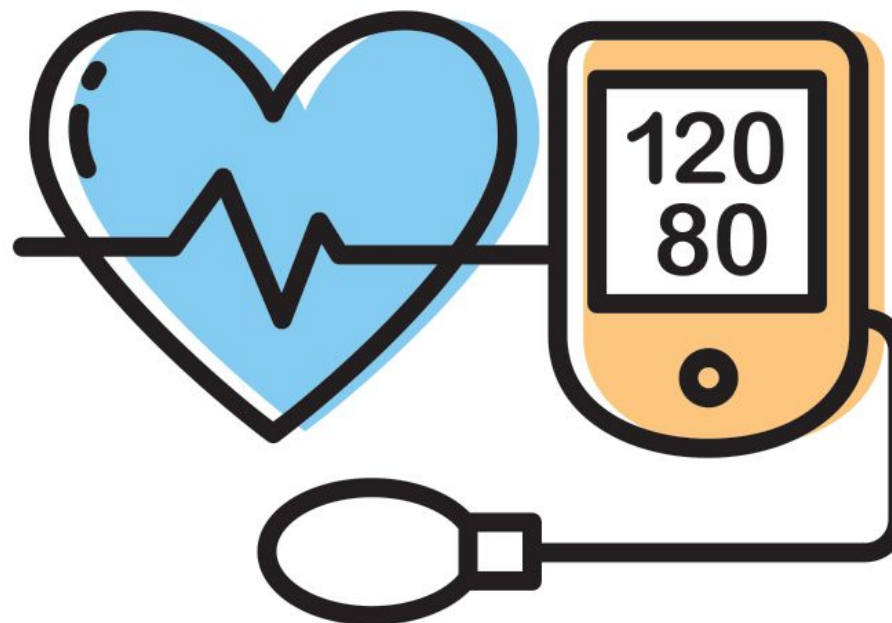


# Success Stories – School Staff

42-year-old male with past medical history of diabetes and hypertension presented with concerns of elevated blood sugars. Patient had been feeling very sick over the previous days, which prompted him to check his blood sugars, which were running in the 200-300 range.

Patient was previously on medication for diabetes management, but admitted it had been some time since he had been treated. Medications were initiated but close follow up was kept with patient.

After just two visits with patient, he started to feel much better and more like himself. He was able to get back to work and blood sugars were within control. He then entrusted us to take care of his wife and stepson.



# Partnership

What does  
success look  
like to you?



# Resources

Ohio School Based Alliance

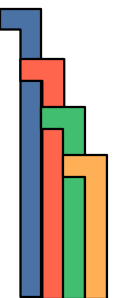
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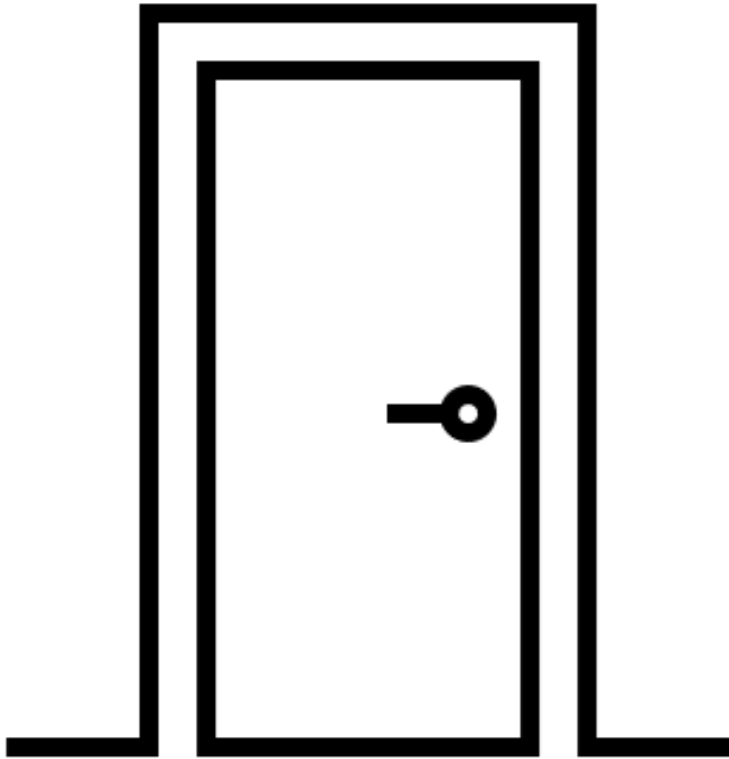
- <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/School-Wellness/Student-Health-and-Medication-Supports/School-Based-Health-Care-Support-Toolkit>

National School Based Health Alliance

- <https://www.sbh4all.org/>



# Questions



The door is always open at all of the School Based Health Centers!

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