

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER

1. What is the purpose of the Emory University Department of Pediatrics School Based Health Center (SBHC) Planning Grant?

According to the 2010 KIDS COUNT Data Book, a study on the well-being of America's children, Georgia ranks 42nd in the nation. Emory University Department of Pediatrics Urban Health Program is the recipient of a \$3 million gift from the Ziest Foundation aimed to help improve outcomes for at-risk children in Georgia. Over a five-year period, Emory will provide small grants and technical assistance to stimulate planning and facilitate collaboration and community discussion to expand the number of school-based health centers throughout the state.

2. Does a SBHC only provide clinical services?

No. Several models are in place with numerous others emerging as the number of SBHCs across the nation continue to increase. One example: A SBHC may focus on Mental Health and/or Health Promotion/Health Prevention. A SBHC is configured on the needs and values of the community it serves. At this point in the process, the services have not been decided. The decision is local.

3. Are clinical services required in a SBHC?

No. One of the core principles of SBHCs is responsiveness to the community. The planning process involves assessment of student health care needs and available resources in the community, informing the community of student health needs, and solicits community input to address unmet health needs.

4. Will Emory be providing the health care services by sending their physicians to Pike County?

No. Emory's role is to provide technical assistance throughout the planning process as needed and requested. All decisions are local. Communities select their own service providers. Emory plans to facilitate the development of a statewide network of SBHCs to offer support and technical assistance.

5. Are there any further strings attached when the grant period ends?

No. The grant period ends August 31, 2012. Any unused grant funds will be returned on September 1, 2012.

6. Will there be a dental clinic and/or pharmacy on site?

No. Limited dental health services are offered on the school campus currently. There have been no discussions to create a dental clinic or pharmacy on campus.

7. Will telemedicine be utilized if clinical services are provided?

No. Telemedicine is a viable solution to communities with limited or no access to local health care providers or specialists. All decisions are local.

8. Would students from other counties (e.g., Lamar and Spalding Counties) have access to health services at the Pike County SBHC?

No. Services would be provided for Pike County students only.

9. Who is responsible for making the final decision on a SBHC?

After completing the planning process, the Strategy Planning Team will develop an implementation plan for presentation to the Pike County You Equal Success Team Board of Directors for consideration. Contingent upon their approval, the plan will then be presented to the School System Superintendent for consideration. Presentation to the Board of Education for final approval is contingent upon the Superintendent's approval.