School Based Health Services

The program supports achievement of student, school, and system success:

• Working with each participating Complex Area Superintendent, the Hawaii Keiki Program is creating a model that reflects the needs of the individual Complex Area considering student demographics, staffing patterns, available support services, and health care access within the community.

• APRNs (also known as nurse practitioners) and RNs are available in project schools and with parent’s consent, deliver screening, direct services on-site and/or virtually using telehealth, and ensure continuity of care for children with chronic conditions. They coordinate and collaborate with the Public Health Nurses from the Department of Health. The Complex Area based Hawaii Keiki nursing responsibilities include the following:
  • Lead the school wellness plan activities.
  • Support the school health assistant (SHA).
  • Assess and manage acute events.
  • Participation in care management for chronic conditions.
  • Data collection for monitoring of trends in acute and chronic conditions.

• The UH Manoa Nursing school, via the senior practice director and director of operations, administration and relations, works directly with the Office of the DOE Superintendent to provide access to academic evidence-based expertise in health promotion and disease prevention, alignment and coordination opportunities for health and education, and resources for public and health sciences education partnership.
The Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model (WSCC)

The program is built on the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model that expands on the eight elements of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) coordinated school health (CSH) approach and is combined with the whole child framework.

Launched in early 2014, CDC and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) developed this expanded model—in collaboration with key leaders from the fields of health, public health, education, and school health—to strengthen a unified and collaborative approach designed to improve learning and health in our nation’s schools.

The education, public health, and school health sectors have each called for greater alignment, integration, and collaboration between education and health to improve each child’s cognitive, physical, social, and emotional development. Public health and education serve the same children, often in the same settings. The WSCC focuses on the child to align the common goals of both sectors. The expanded model integrates the ten components of a coordinated school health (CSH) program with the tenets of a whole child approach to education.
Developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).