



**Growing Well**

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# Best Practices for School-Based Health Centers

Are you interested in planning a new School-Based Health Center?  
Did you start one but don't know how to take the next step?  
**We are here to help.**

## IMPORTANT TASKS



Identify population's needs by engaging with the school community.



Meet the population where they are and plan around what you observe.



Planning takes time. It is also the most important task you will complete.



Create a business plan.



Sustainability is directly linked with billable hours. But if you are creative, you can also provide health promotion activities.



If you don't offer dental, vision, or mental health services-- find a partner!



Connect with other care providers in the area and explain your mission.



Advertise yourselves! You want news to spread.

## ADVICE

LISTEN TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS, **THEY ARE THE EXPERTS.**



## TIMELINE

### FIND A HEALTH PARTNER

Either a health care institution or a federally qualified health center.

### PLANNING PERIOD

Take a year and make a business plan. Interact for Health awards planning grants each year.

### SOFT OPENING

You won't be overwhelmed and you will get to make changes as bumps arise.

### GRAND OPENING

Acknowledge your funders. Invite the children and their families.

### INTERNAL REVIEW

Ask yourself: What are we doing well? How can we improve?