

Youth Development Digest

The Youth Development Digest (YDD) was designed with young readers in mind. From promoting upcoming events to showcasing powerful youth in our country, YDD is a resource that highlights current topics, issues, and opportunities for young people today.

Adult allies: Share with your youth; Youth leaders: Share with your peers

Official Launch of the National and February Awareness Month "Keep Healthy Together" Campaign



We're thrilled to announce the official launch of our national and February awareness campaign, "Keep Healthy Together". This is a national initiative for school-based health centers (SBHCs) and their vital role in ensuring kids have access to the healthcare they need to thrive — academically, emotionally, and physically.

This campaign isn't about SBHA; it's about making a real difference for kids, families, and communities nationwide. We need your help to spread the word and amplify our message far and wide.

How You Can Support:

Share the Campaign

- Post on your social media using #KeepHealthyTogether
- Repost directly from SBHA's official social media channels to make it easy!

Get Involved

- Visit the campaign website to download graphics and resources
- Take it a step further—share your SBHC's story and show why school-based healthcare matters!

Let's Keep Healthy Together and ensure every child has access to the care they deserve.

Visit the Campaign
Website

Join the SBHA Youth Advisory Council



**The School-Based Health Alliance Youth Advisory Council
Application is now Open!**

The School-Based Health Alliance (SBHA) seeks new members to join our 2025 - 2026 Youth Advisory Council (YAC) as part of ongoing efforts to amplify the youth voices in school-based health care. Youth who have current or prior access to a school-based health center (SBHC), are working to address health care issues affecting young people, and are passionate about school-based health care are encouraged to apply. Learn more about the application process and requirements below.

Email youthadvisorycouncil@sbh4all.org with questions.

We look forward to reading your applications!

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Blog of the Month



The Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Health Care

By Justin Wang, School-Based Health Alliance Board Member and Youth Advisory Council Member

The following reflects Justin's lived experiences, thoughts, and opinions.

"Ever since I started my time at Stanford, I have been surrounded by constant reminders of artificial intelligence (AI) and its increasing role in our day-to-day lives. Stanford's Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI) lab and..."

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Resource Spotlight



White House Youth Policy Summit Report

Check out this report on how to center youth expertise and lived experience in policy making, including the importance of paying youth as experts, training adults to recognize and respect youth expertise, creating spaces and structures that support youth power, and funding through participatory mechanisms that put young people at the forefront of change. The report is based on the White House Youth Policy Summit in 2024 which brought together federal policymakers, young people, spoken word poets, and practitioners to breathe life into the evidence base of what it takes to support thriving youth. Lessons can be applied to policy making at the federal, state and local level. Take a look!

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Youth Advisory Council

Content Corner



This month, the Youth Advisory Council explored the connection between healthcare and economics, specifically in the context of school-based health centers. Members explored how economic factors, such as funding models and insurance coverage, impact the accessibility and quality of healthcare services available to students. They also discussed strategies to advocate for expanding school-based health centers and possible initiatives to educate peers about how economic challenges can influence health outcomes in schools and communities.

Events & Opportunities



**Mental Health America Youth
Policy Accelerator Application**



AMCHP Conference Youth Day
March 15, 2025

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Mapping Tool Spotlight

If you want to learn about more organizations engaging in youth development work, check out the [Mapping Tool](#) on the Youth Health Hub. Add your organization for the chance to be next month's spotlight!

Organization Information

The Reach Forward Foundation has joined the Youth Health Hub Mapping Tool. Here is some information about this organization.

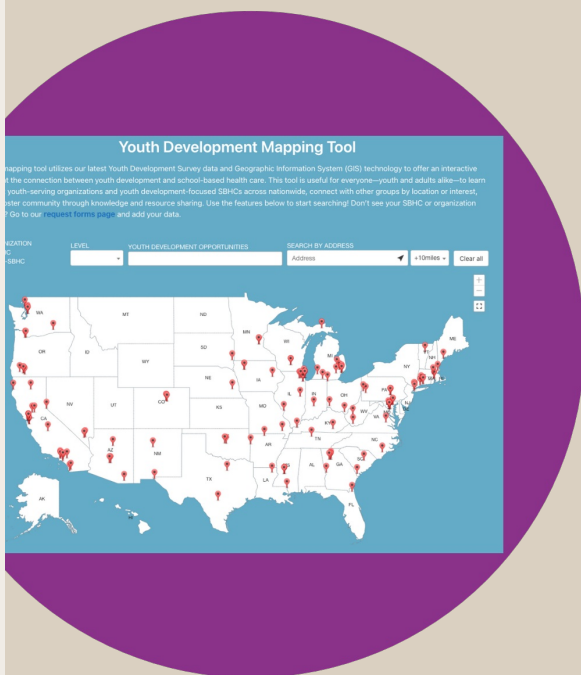
Welcome, Reach Forward Foundation!

Location: Oklahoma City, OK

Youth Development Opportunities Offered:

- Peer education, mentoring, or support groups

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Does your organization help to further youth development?

Would you like to submit your organization to the mapping tool?

Check out the updated mapping tool on the Youth Health Hub! You can view organizations nationwide and see how they help youth development and the School-Based Health Alliance.

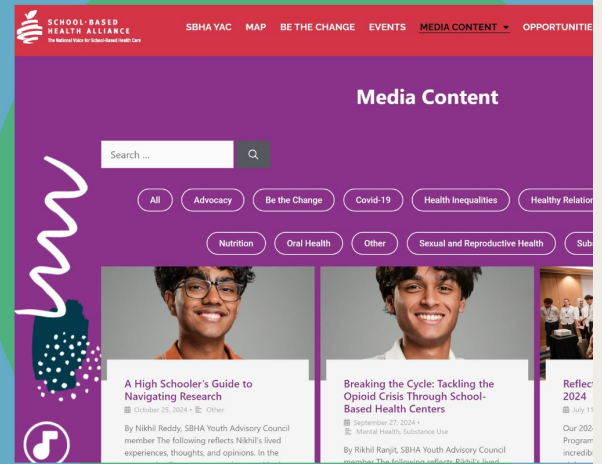
Submit Organization

Do you have something you

want to share?

Do you or someone you know want to be highlighted on our website? Do you have any events coming up at your school or school-based health centers? Are there any webinars or conferences concerning youth development? You are welcome to submit an article or blog post you believe should be in the spotlight of future digests or that concerns health and/or youth development topics, as well as events or nominations, through the Youth Health Hub!

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Featured Post



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Quote of the Month

"YOU DON'T HAVE TO
SEE THE WHOLE
STAIRCASE, JUST TAKE
THE FIRST STEP."

MARTIN LUTHER KING
JR.

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