

## A NEW SERVICE FOR STUDENTS . . .

The School-Based Wellness Center Program at your child's school provides expanded school health services, including preventive health care services, as well as the care and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses. The Baltimore County Department of Health and Baltimore County Public Schools work together to support and staff the School-Based Wellness Center. All students are eligible to enroll in the Center with parental consent. Contact your school nurse for more information.

## GOALS OF THE PROGRAM . . .

- To improve access to preventive and primary care in schools with particular emphasis on reaching medically underserved children and adolescents.
- To promote positive health behaviors and to encourage primary prevention and wellness.
- To increase health knowledge and to enhance positive decision making skills.
- To provide social, mental health, and substance abuse prevention services.
- To support educational goals.

## EXAMPLES OF SERVICES PROVIDED . . .

- Physical examinations/sports physicals
- Health assessments
- Evaluation and treatment of acute illness and injury
- Referral for specialty care
- Management of chronic illness
- Diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases
- Reproductive health care
- Mental health and substance abuse counseling

## THE WELLNESS CENTER STAFF TYPICALLY INCLUDES . . .

- A Full Time School Nurse
- A Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner or Physician
- A Social Worker, Health Assistant, and Data Clerk



## REGISTRATION . . .

All students are eligible to receive services at the Wellness Center in the school and may register as follows:

1. A student registration/history form must be completed.
2. Parents or guardians and students must sign the consent form and authorize billing of Medical Assistance or private insurance, if available.

The Wellness Center will work with the family, health plan, and doctor to assure continuity of care.

*No child is denied health care at the Wellness Center if unable to pay.*

## CONFIDENTIALITY . . .

In compliance with State law, all services provided at the Wellness Center are confidential. Health records maintained at the Wellness Center belong to the Baltimore County Department of Health and conform to the Department of Health regulations protecting medical records.



*Health and learning go hand in hand.*

## FOR MORE INFORMATION . . .

Call the nurse at your child's school.



*School-Based Wellness Centers  
provide services which help our  
students succeed in school.*

### **Notice of Nondiscrimination**

The Baltimore County Public Schools do not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, handicap, color, or national origin and do comply with Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, and Section 504 of the civil rights regulations, in all educational programs. For further information, contact the Office of Staff Relations, 6901 Charles Street, Towson, MD 21204, 410-887-4301.



## INFORMATION . . .

**FOR PARENTS OF MIDDLE AND  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**Baltimore County Public Schools  
Baltimore County Department of Health**  
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