

ADOLESCENT WELLNESS CENTER OPENING AT CHIPPEWA HILLS SCHOOLS

June 20, 2022 - District Health Department #10 (DHD#10), in collaboration with Chippewa Hills School District, has been awarded grant funding to provide Chippewa Hills Schools a Child and Adolescent Wellness Center (AWC). The program is jointly funded by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE).

MDHHS and MDE embrace the notion that "healthy kids learn better" and have collaborated to establish the CAHC program with the aim of increasing access to basic health care for children and teens in Michigan.

Adolescent Wellness Centers promote the health of children, adolescents, and their families by providing important primary, preventative, and early intervention health care services. These centers provide comprehensive health assessment, vision and hearing screening, medication, immunization, treatment of acute illness, co-management of chronic illness, health education and mental health care for students ages 5-21. These services are available to youth who are uninsured, under-insured, and those with public or private insurance coverage.

"We are thrilled to be adding this Wellness Center for students at Chippewa Hills Public School," said Katy Bies, School Based Health Director for DHD#10. "Research demonstrates that School Based Health Centers often help increase test scores, reduce attendance problems, address behavioral problems, strengthen support services for at-risk students, decrease school violence and help schools meet increased immunization requirements."

To educate parents, teachers, school staff, and community, DHD#10 will be hosting a virtual Wellness Center Advisory Council meeting on **Thursday, June 30th, at 11:00 AM**. To register for this virtual meeting and learn more about the AWC program at Chippewa Hills Schools, please contact Qur'an Griffin at qgriffin@dhd10.org.

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