

Impact Map

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Introduction

The Massachusetts School-Based Health Alliance (MASBHA) is dedicated to fostering the health, resilience, and academic achievement of children and adolescents. Working in partnership with community allies, SBHA advocates for student well-being by championing school-based health centers. MASBHA provides a range of services to support school-based health care and the health and well-being of students. Some of the services they provide include:

Technical Assistance: SBHA offers technical assistance to school-based health centers (SBHCs) to help them with program development, operations, and sustainability.

Training and Professional Development: SBHA provides training and professional development opportunities for SBHC staff, educators, and other stakeholders to enhance their skills and knowledge in school-based health care.

Advocacy: SBHA advocates for policies and funding that support school-based health care and the health needs of students.

Resource Sharing: SBHA shares resources, best practices, and information on school-based health care to support SBHCs and other stakeholders.

Networking: SBHA facilitates networking opportunities for SBHC staff and other stakeholders to connect, collaborate, and share ideas.

Community Engagement: SBHA engages with communities to raise awareness about the importance of school-based health care and to promote access to services.

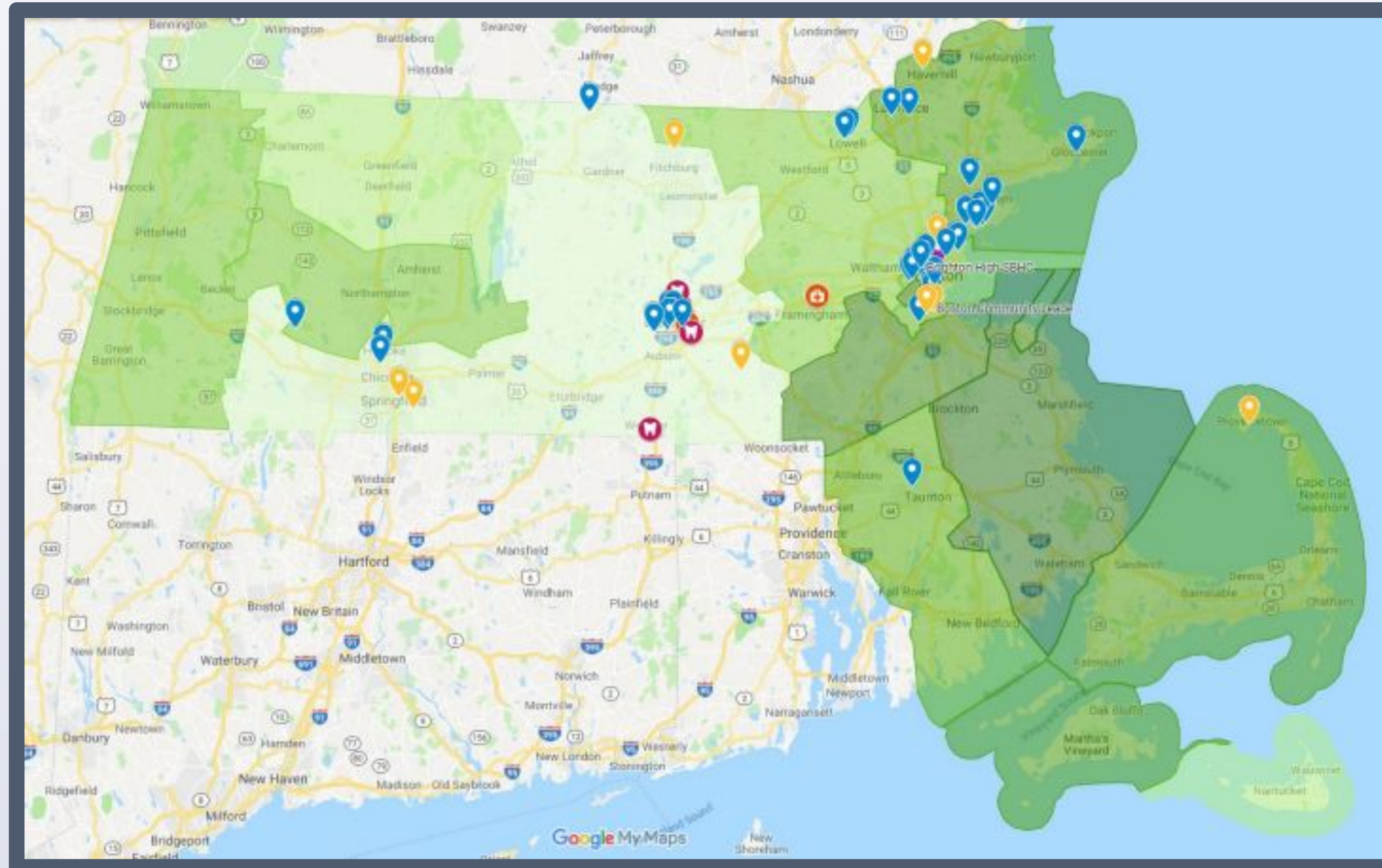
Internship Project Objectives

The objective of the MASBHA Impact Map Project is to create a visual representation that demonstrates the reach and impact of School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) in Massachusetts.

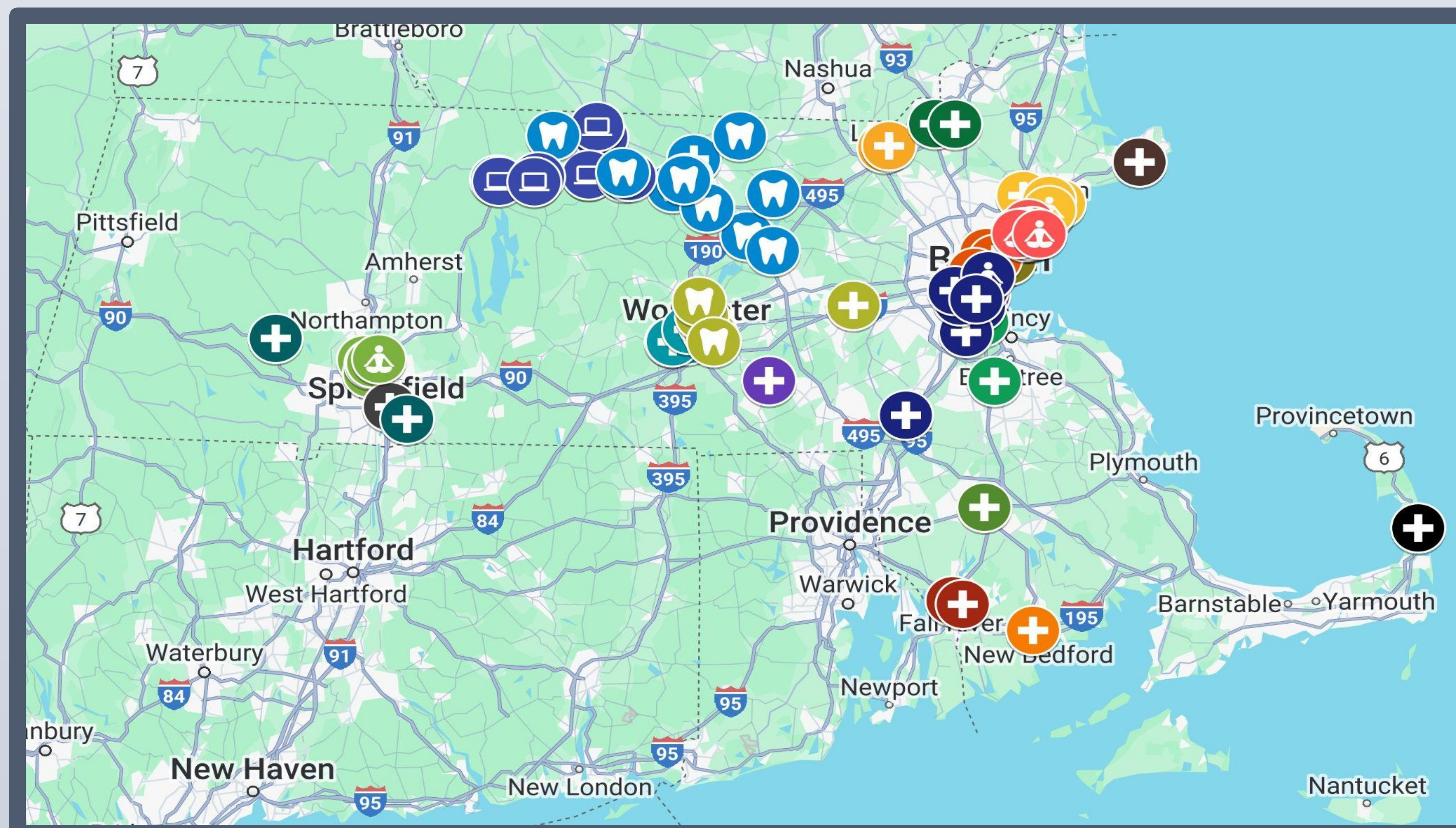
- ❑ Identify and map the locations of all SBHCs in Massachusetts.
- ❑ Document the range of health services offered by SBHCs, such as primary care, mental health services, and preventive care.
- ❑ Highlight partnerships between SBHCs and other organizations, such as schools, community health centers, and local government agencies.
- ❑ Assess the impact of SBHCs on health outcomes, such as reducing absenteeism, improving academic performance, and increasing access to healthcare.



Past Impact Map



Current Impact Map



Project Outcomes

Research focused on a unique school-based health center (SBHC) model implemented in Ontario, Canada, as part of the Model Schools Pediatric Health Initiative. The SBHC model aimed to enhance access to health care for underserved and disadvantaged children by providing on-site physician-led teams, patient navigators, and therapists. The study examined the impact of this model on academic achievement among elementary school students.

Results indicated that while there were no significant differences in academic achievement, as measured by report card grades in reading, writing, and math, between students from schools with SBHCs and those without, there was a noteworthy improvement in access to developmental assessments. The wait time for developmental assessments at SBHCs was considerably shorter than the provincial average, suggesting that the SBHC model successfully reduced barriers to diagnostic and treatment services for developmental and mental health disorders in disadvantaged communities.

Legend

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- Boston Public Health Commission
 - Cambridge Health Alliance
 - Caring Health Center
 - Codman Square Health Center
 - Community Health Connections, Inc.
 - Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center, Inc.
 - Family Health Center Of Worcester, Inc.
 - Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Inc.
 - Greater New Bedford Community Health
 - Healthfirst Family Care Center, Inc.
 - Heywood Hospital
 - Hilltown Community Health Center, Inc.
 - Holyoke Health Center, Inc.
 - Joseph M. Smith Community Health Center
 - Lowell Community Health Center
 - Lynn Community Health Center, Inc.
 - Manet Community Health Center
 - Mattapan Community Health Center
 - MGH Community Health Associates
 - Milford Regional Medical Center
 - North End Community Health Committee, Inc.
 - North Shore Community Health, Inc.
 - Northeast Hospital Corporation+
 - Outer Cape Health Services, Inc.
 - River Valley Counseling Center
 - South End Community Health Center

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