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# Agenda at a glance

Time	Agenda item	Room 
8:00 a.m.	<b>Conference registration</b>	Lobby
	<b>Breakfast reception and exhibitors</b> Grab breakfast and visit with our <b>exhibitors</b> in the Ohio Inventor Common area	Edison 1 & 2 and Dining areas
9:00 a.m.	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b> <b>Reem Aly, JD, MHA</b> , Executive Director, Ohio School-Based Health Alliance  <b>Kelly Carey</b> , Chair, Board of Directors, Ohio School-Based Health Alliance; Director of Policy & Public Affairs for the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers	Edison 1 & 2
9:20 a.m.	<b>Opening plenary</b> <b>From cradle to classroom: Strengthening the bridge between early childhood, families, and school-based health</b>  <b>Dr. Ryan Padrez, MD, FAAP</b> , Clinical Associate Professor, Stanford University's School of Medicine	Edison 1 & 2
10:10 a.m.	<b>Break and visit exhibitors</b> Visit with our <b>exhibitors</b> in the Ohio Inventor Common area	Ohio Inventor Common Area
10:25 a.m.	<b>Workshop sessions A</b>	
	<b>Medicaid School Program – Connecting the dots with Ohio's School Health Framework</b>	Armstrong 1
	<b>Addressing vaccine hesitancy: Evidence-based strategies to support healthy communities</b>	Morgan 1
	<b>Strong roots, lasting impact: Retaining and renewing school health professionals</b>	Morgan 2
	<b>Strong school partners are KEY to SBHC success: Best practices from school leaders around the state</b>	Wright 1 & 2
11:25 a.m.	<b>Break and visit exhibitors</b> Visit with our <b>exhibitors</b> in the Ohio Inventor Common area	Ohio Inventor Common Area

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11:40 a.m.	<b>Workshop sessions B</b>	
 	How to grow and connect a family oriented SBHC in a multicultural immigrant community	Armstrong 1
	Improving oral health through integration	Morgan 1
	If it isn't written it didn't happen: Documentation "dos" and "don'ts" for school-based health centers	Morgan 2
 	Challenging roll call: Collaboration to increase school attendance	Morgan 3
 	Strengthening nutrition access for students and families: Policy shifts, community partnerships, and school-based interventions	Wright 1 & 2
12:40 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b> Announcement of Ohio School-Based Health Care Champion and GRIT awards	Edison 1 & 2 and Dining areas
1:45 p.m.	<b>Break and visit exhibitors</b> Visit with our <b>exhibitors</b> in the Ohio Inventor Common area	Ohio Inventor Common Area
2:00 p.m.	<b>Workshop sessions C</b>	
	Applying an integrated behavioral health model to a school-based health center: An ongoing journey of adaptations and learnings	Armstrong 1
 	Inside the process: Understanding policy to take action where it matters most	Morgan 1
 	Building resilient schools: Integrating mental health and sensory supports for student well-being	Morgan 2
 	Tailored strategies for addressing youth nicotine use in school-based health centers	Wright 1 & 2
3:00 p.m.	<b>Break and submit exhibitor passport</b> Visit with our <b>exhibitors</b> in the Ohio Inventor Common area. Be sure to <b>complete and submit your exhibitor passport</b> at the registration table prior to the closing plenary to be entered into our raffle prize drawing.	Ohio Inventor Common Area
3:15 p.m.	<b>Raffle prizes</b>	Edison 1 & 2
3:25 p.m.	<b>Closing plenary</b> <b>From momentum to sustainability: What's needed in shaping the next era of school-based health care</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Amy Rohling McGee, MA, President, Health Policy Institute of Ohio  <b>Panelists:</b> <b>Julie DiRossi-King</b> , BA, President & CEO, Ohio Association of Community Health Centers <b>Randy Leite</b> , PhD, Executive Director, Appalachian Children Coalition <b>Marianella Napolitano</b> , MBA, RN, Director of Population Health, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Ohio <b>Kyle Newton</b> , MS, Superintendent, Warren Local School District	Edison 1 & 2
4:30 p.m.	<b>Closing remarks and adjourn</b>	



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# Congratulations to our awardees!

## 2026 School-Based Health Care Champion: Governor Mike DeWine

In recognition of Governor Mike DeWine's extraordinary commitment to advancing school-based health centers across Ohio, this award reflects our profound appreciation for the Governor's steadfast leadership in ensuring that students have access to the health care and support they need to thrive academically and in life. Throughout his tenure, Governor DeWine's unwavering dedication to this model has expanded critical opportunities for children, families, and communities across Ohio.



## G.R.I.T. Awards

The G.R.I.T. Awards recognize individuals with genuine, resilient, innovative, and tenacious contributions to school-based health care. Open to local, youth, and state-level nominees in categories including providers, administrators, advocates, and champions, these awards highlight the dedication and impact of those in school-based health centers and support roles.

**Provider:** Cynthia Price (Hopewell Health Centers)

**Administrator:** Angie Maddox (Cincinnati Public Schools)

**Advocate:** Marla Morse (Oral Health Ohio)



# Session descriptions

## Opening plenary

9:20 a.m.  Edison 1 & 2

### **From cradle to classroom: Strengthening the bridge between early childhood, families, and school-based health**

School-based health centers (SBHCs) are uniquely positioned to support not only school-aged children, but the entire ecosystem that shapes a child's health and readiness to learn. This session explores a vision for expanding SBHCs — integrating early childhood services, maternal health, and family supports to create a seamless continuum of care from early childhood into the K–12 system.



**Ryan Padrez, MD, FAAP**  
Clinical Associate Professor,  
Stanford University School  
of Medicine

## Closing plenary

3:25 p.m.  Edison 1 & 2

### **From momentum to sustainability: What's needed in shaping the next era of school-based health care**

Ohio is at an important moment for school-based health. With new initiatives underway and increasing demand for access to care, strong policy and system alignment is essential to sustain and scale SBHCs. This discussion will unpack the biggest opportunities and barriers ahead — from funding and payment models to workforce and data. Panelists will discuss immediate needs, long-term strategies, and how collaboration on school-based health care can drive lasting change for Ohio's children, families, and communities.

#### **Moderator**



**Amy Rohling McGee, MA**  
President, Health Policy  
Institute of Ohio

#### **Panelists**



**Julie DiRossi-King, BA**  
President & CEO,  
Ohio Association of  
Community Health  
Centers



**Randy Leite, PhD**  
Executive Director,  
Appalachian Children  
Coalition



**Marianella Napolitano,  
MBA, RN**  
Director of Population  
Health, UnitedHealthcare  
Community Plan of Ohio



**Kyle Newton, MS**  
Superintendent, Warren  
Local School District

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### Medicaid School Program – Connecting the dots with Ohio’s School Health Framework

Armstrong 1

Ohio Department of Medicaid and Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) will share how to leverage the Medicaid School Program (MSP) to connect the dots with Ohio’s school health framework. Presenters will share updates to MSP and implementation strategies for school districts, including examples of how CMSD has built and sustained a school health framework.

**Brittany Miracle**, BBA, Ohio Medicaid School Program Administrator, Ohio Department of Medicaid

**Lisa Floyd**, BSW, MPA, Manager, Special Education Budget & Medicaid, Cleveland Metropolitan School District



### Addressing vaccine hesitancy: Evidence-based strategies to support healthy communities

Morgan 1

Vaccine hesitancy and the use of immunization exemptions in Ohio are on the rise, contributing to preventable disease outbreaks and community health risks. This session will equip school-based health center providers and school staff and leaders with practical, evidence-based approaches to address vaccine hesitancy, respond effectively to misinformation, and engage patients and families in informed, respectful conversations.

**David Karas**, MD, Pediatrician, Akron Children’s Hospital



### Strong roots, lasting impact: Retaining and renewing school health professionals

Morgan 2

School health professionals face high stress and burnout, making employee retention vital for lasting impact. This session explores strategies to strengthen the school health workforce by fostering resilience, promoting staff wellness, and creating supportive cultures.

**Jessica Woody**, LPCC-S, Mental Health Director, Warren County ESC

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## **Strong school partners are KEY to SBHC success: Best practices from school leaders around the state**

 **Wright 1 & 2**

The success of school-based health centers depends on strong, committed school district partnerships. This panel of district and building leaders will share best practices across the partnership lifecycle — from planning and launch to engagement, referrals, and integration — highlighting what has worked, what hasn't, and lessons learned in their communities.

**Moderator:** Jennifer Dodd, PhD, Assistant Superintendent, ESC of Northeast Ohio

### **Panelists:**

**Angie Maddox**, BS, MPH, School Health Manager, Cincinnati Public Schools

**Nancy Pepler**, Supervisor of Community and School Partnerships, Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools

**Janell Swart**, BSN, District Health Liaison, Logan-Hocking School District

**Gabby Yeater**, MEd, School Counselor, Mansfield City Schools

## **Workshop sessions B**

11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.



## **How to grow and connect a family oriented SBHC in a multicultural immigrant community**

 **Armstrong 1**

The Roberts Academy school-based health center (SBHC) in urban Cincinnati serves a growing Central American immigrant community, reaching students from over 80 local schools. During about 60% of visits, students are accompanied by family members, reflecting the center's strong family focus. This session highlights strategies for building inclusive, bilingual, family-centered SBHCs using the Community Learning Center (CLC) model to connect families to health, mental health, and community services.

**Moderator:** Adrienne Sirbu, MHI, BSN, RN, Nursing Supervisor SBHC/School and Adolescent Health, Cincinnati Health Department

### **Panelists:**

**Nicole DeGreg**, RN, MSN, FNP-BC, Family Nurse Practitioner School and Adolescent Health, Cincinnati Health Department

**Antonio Fernández**, BS, Resource Coordinator, Roberts Academy, Community Learning Center Institute

**Pamela Heard**, MA, Medical Assistant, School and Adolescent Health, Cincinnati Health Department

**Fernando Rico-Alarcon**, BSN, RN, Registered Nurse, School and Adolescent Health, Cincinnati Health Department

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## Improving oral health through integration

Morgan 1

Minimally invasive care techniques are revolutionizing dentistry and opening doors for integration. The use of silver diamine fluoride (SDF) by not only dental professionals but also primary care providers is an effective, evidence-based approach to preventing and arresting dental caries in pediatric patients. This session will explore practical strategies for SDF implementation in medical settings, interdisciplinary collaboration, and the role of primary care in advancing oral health outcomes for children.

Jamie Carder, RDH, Director of Oral Health Integration, Health Partners of Western Ohio



## If it isn't written it didn't happen: Documentation "dos" and "don'ts" for school-based health centers

Morgan 2

Health care providers in the school setting must comply with a multitude of laws governing service delivery and patient/student privacy and confidentiality. This presentation will provide examples of the federal and state laws that specify the documentation a healthcare provider must share with patients. Beyond the forms required by pertinent laws, the presentation will provide practical tips for making documentation patient- and provider-friendly, digestible, and impactful.

Daphne Kackloudis, JD, Partner, Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP  
Jordan Burdick, JD, Associate, Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP



## Challenging roll call: Collaboration to increase school attendance

Morgan 3

Chronic absenteeism undermines student health, engagement, and graduation. This session explores how school-based health centers and school partners can use attendance data, quality improvement methods, and student-centered strategies including peer-led sleep initiatives, to reduce barriers, boost engagement, and promote consistent attendance, supporting high school graduation and long-term youth success.

Tricia Montgomery, MPH, CPHQ, CSSYB, Quality Strategist, Nationwide Children's Hospital  
Natalie Zaborski, MPH, Quality Strategist, Nationwide Children's Hospital

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## **Strengthening nutrition access for students and families: Policy shifts, community partnerships, and school-based interventions**

 **Wright 1 & 2**

Food insecurity continues to impact student health, learning, and family stability across Ohio. This panel explores how school-based health centers and community partners can strengthen outreach and referral pathways, navigate evolving state and federal nutrition policies, and improve coordination with community and school-based nutrition supports to ensure consistent access to food — supporting healthier, more successful students year-round.

**Moderator:** Sarah Mills, MPH, RD, Senior Manager, Share Our Strength

### **Panelists:**

Ashley Roudebush, BA, Manager, State Campaigns, No Kid Hungry

Shannon Amos, MFCS, Vice President, Agency Programs, Children's Hunger Alliance

Rebecca Grant, MD, Associate Program Director, OhioHealth Dublin Family Medicine Residency

Julie Rinaldi, BA, Executive Director, Dublin Food Pantry

## **Workshop Sessions C**

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



## **Applying an integrated behavioral health model to a school-based health center: An ongoing journey of adaptations and learnings**

 **Armstrong 1**

Integrated Behavioral Health (IBH) in primary care increases access and reduces wait times for youth with mental/behavioral health needs, especially in underserved populations. This panel explores applying a community pediatric IBH model to a school-based health center (SBHC), highlighting training, consultation, solution-focused care, and measurement-based practices. Barriers and adaptations to SBHC implementation will be discussed.

**Moderator:** Mona Mansour, MD, MS, Associate Division Director, Population Health / Medical Director, Population School Health Program - Coordinated School Strategy / Professor, UC Department of Pediatrics, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center & University of Cincinnati

### **Panelists:**

Lisa Belle, MSW, LISW-S, Clinical Manager, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

Lisa Crosby, MSN, APRN, DNP, APP Clinical Director for Primary Care, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

F. Lynne Merk, PhD, Director of Community Integrated Behavioral Health / Staff Psychologist IV, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

Niara Morrow, DSW, LISW-S, Social Worker III, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center



## **Inside the process: Understanding policy to take action where it matters most**

 **Morgan 1**

School-based health providers play a vital role in shaping the policies that affect their patients, work, and communities. This session breaks down how state and federal policy decisions are made and where providers can make the greatest impact. Learn why your voice matters, how to engage effectively, and practical ways to stay informed and involved on the issues that matter most to you.

**Sarah Kuhns, External Affairs Manager, Ohio Association of Foodbanks**



## **Building resilient schools: Integrating mental health and sensory supports for student well-being**

 **Morgan 2**

This presentation highlights the powerful connection between sensory integration and mental health in educational settings. It explores practical, evidence-based strategies for creating environments that support regulation, focus, and emotional wellness. Emphasizing collaboration among educators, families, and community partners, the session will offer tools for embedding sensory-informed practices into school culture to promote prevention, early intervention, and student resilience.

**Nicole Pfirman, MEd, OTR/L, Senior Vice President, MindPeace**  
**Susan Shelton, Executive Director, MindPeace**



## **Tailored strategies for addressing youth nicotine use in school-based health centers**

 **Wright 1 & 2**

This session will explore how school-based health centers (SBHCs) can effectively screen for and address youth use of vaping devices and oral nicotine products like Zyn. Attendees will learn how to refer students for treatment, navigate family communication and confidentiality laws, and strengthen collaboration with school staff. Practical tools and workflows will be shared.

**Iyaad Hasan, DNP, MBA, APRN, CPHA-TT, President/CEO/Nurse Practitioner, The Breathing Association**

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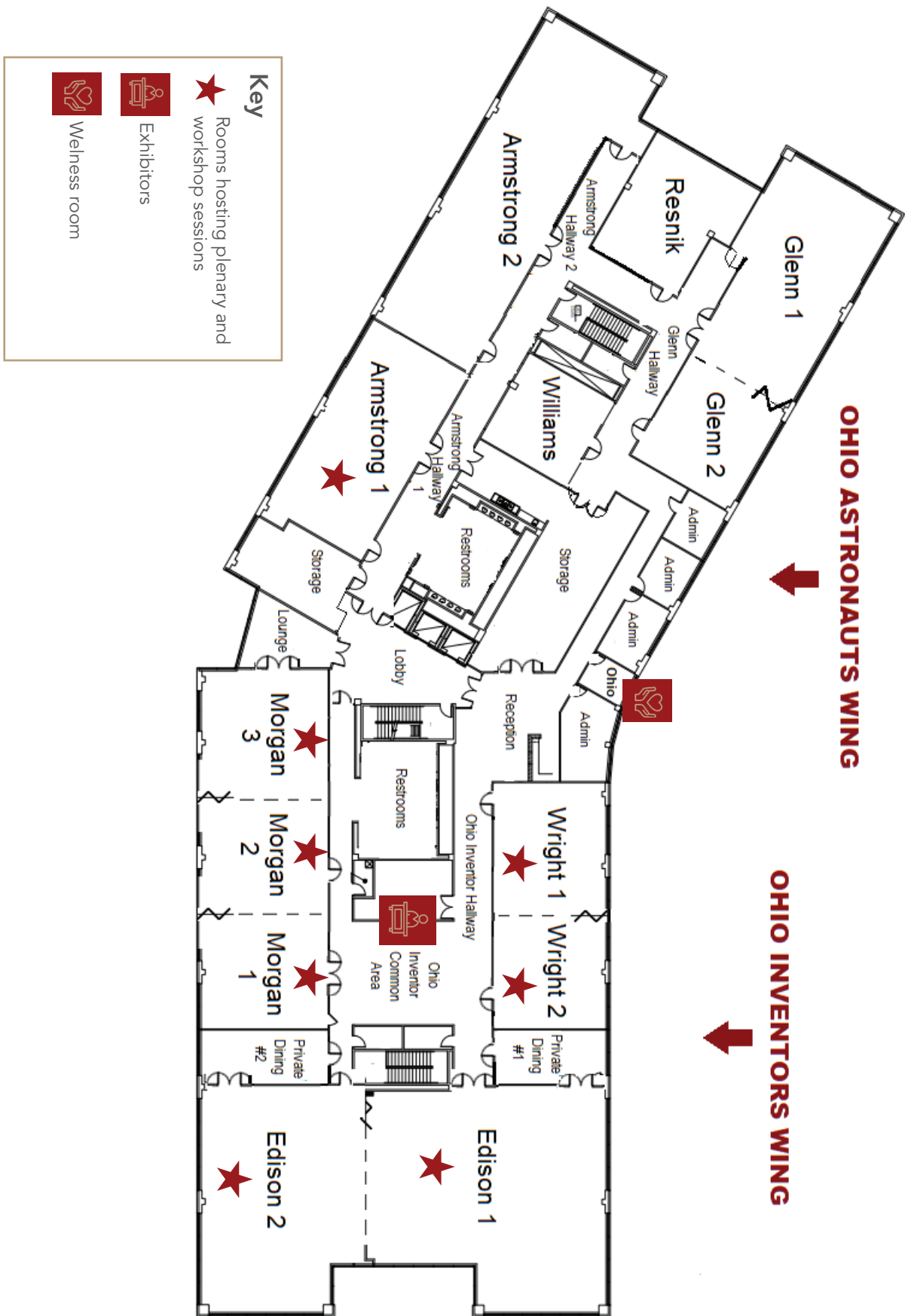


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# About the Ohio School-Based Health Alliance

The Ohio School-Based Health Alliance (“Ohio Alliance”) is the only nonpartisan, nonprofit, statewide organization created to advance and support the sustainability and expansion of school-based health care. Our mission is to improve access to comprehensive, integrated health services through school-based health care to advance equity and improve health and education outcomes for students, their families, and communities.

## Our work

The Ohio Alliance supports school-based health care providers, school districts, and community and state partners to advance school-based health care through:



**Capacity-building** including state and regional networks and learning communities, technical assistance, and developing resources to start, support, and sustain school-based health centers and other innovative school-based health care partnerships



**Policy transformation** to support and accelerate opportunities that strengthen Ohio’s school-based health care infrastructure



**Data tracking and evaluation** of school-based health care initiatives to inform policy and evaluate impact

## Our resources

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### SBHC 101 Toolkit

This Toolkit is divided into three modules with information, guidance, resources, and tools to support efforts to learn about, plan for, and set up the SBHC model in a community.



### SBHC census

The Census provides a statewide snapshot of SBHC locations, services, and more.



### SBHC impact report

The 2025 Ohio School-Based Health Center (SBHC) Impact Report highlights the growing reach and impact of Ohio’s network of SBHCs through data and stories.



### Partner meetings

Community and state partners are invited to join our meetings, which offer opportunities for learning, networking, and engagement around timely topics from the school-based health care field.

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