Children’s National Health System is dedicated to optimal health outcomes for children. As an anchor institution and leading healthcare provider for children in the District of Columbia, Children’s National has also served the K-12 public school system for more than two decades. Most notably, our Children’s School Services, Inc. has operated and managed school nurses in Washington, DC public and public charter schools with oversight from DC Department of Health since 2001.

Our school-based efforts have expanded in recent years including acquiring management of three school-based health centers in DC high schools in 2016. The school-based health centers are comprehensive primary care clinics located within schools that offer medical, dental, social, and mental health services to enrolled students. Children’s National school-based programs reach diverse populations including students, teachers, parents, and other support professionals and cut across many focus areas including asthma management, injury prevention, and mental health.

Program Areas

- Administration of medication
- Autism Spectrum Disorders and Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Brain and mental health
- Breastfeeding education and family support
- Children with special health care needs
- Chronic disease management (Asthma, Diabetes)
- Financial literacy
- Food allergies
- Immunizations
- Infectious disease prevention
- Injury prevention: bullying, child abuse, home safety (burn safety, fire prevention, falls), bike and pedestrian safety, child passenger safety
- Nutrition and obesity prevention
- Oral Health
- Reproductive and sexual health
- Sports medicine
- Substance abuse
- Vision and hearing screenings

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Children’s National School-Based Programs

Locations*

SCHOOL-LEVEL SERVED:

- 54 PRE-K/ELEMENTARY
- 10 MIDDLE SCHOOLS
- 20 HIGH SCHOOLS
- 63 PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- 21 CHARTER SCHOOLS

SERVING ALL 8 DC WARDS, MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA COMMUNITIES FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES

84 SCHOOLS AND GROWING

INCLUDING SCHOOL NURSING SERVICES IN ALL DC PUBLIC SCHOOL AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

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