

United Health Foundation and Valle del Sol: *Bringing Integrated Care to K-12 Students*

Valle del Sol Community Health has served the needs of underserved communities in the greater Phoenix metropolitan area since 1970. As a federally qualified health center, Valle del Sol provides primary care, behavioral care and case management services. The organization began providing behavioral health services on K-12 school campuses in 2017.

According to the *America's Health Rankings' 2023 Health of Women and Children Report*, Arizona has a high percentage of uninsured children, making access to clinical care a challenge. Based on the success of Valle del Sol's work with K-12 schools and the health care needs of the community, the United Health Foundation, the philanthropic arm of UnitedHealth Group, and Valle del Sol announced a three-year \$3 million grant partnership in 2020 to bring primary, behavioral and psychiatric care to more than 60 schools across 18 school districts in underserved Phoenix communities through a mobile health unit.



COMMUNITY IMPACT*

2,359

students screened for behavioral health needs

14%

improvement in students reporting symptoms of depression

10%

improvement in students reporting ADHD symptoms

1,328

students received elective vaccines

*as of 3/31/24

WHY IS THIS WORK CRITICAL?



Children are seeing what a community that takes care of itself looks like. Our hope is not only that these children grow up healthy, but also that they grow up wanting to be practitioners for their community."

DR. MICHAEL ROBERT
Superintendent, Osborn School District



It brings services to areas where families and individuals might not have the ability to go and get care for themselves. Transportation is the biggest issue we see with the patients who come to us."

VALLE DEL SOL NURSE PRACTITIONER

