Nemours Children's Health and Seaford School District Partner to Increase Access to In-School Health Care

Nemours Children's care model helps schools, students reduce barriers to care

WILMINGTON, DE (August 11, 2022) -- Nemours Children's Health is proud to announce a new partnership with Seaford School District in Sussex County Delaware to provide physical and behavioral health services at Frederick Douglass Elementary School. This new state-funded School-based Health Center is a new partnership that builds upon Nemours Children's existing elementary SBHC with the Colonial School District in New Castle, Delaware. As part of a program with the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, the initiative seeks to assist elementary-aged children.

The state of Delaware is seeking to expand SBHC services to high-needs elementary schools, schools that have 90% of its students classified as low-income, English learners, or minority. SBHCs are not a replacement for a student's medical provider but serve as a vehicle for access. Nemours will invest in opening additional centers over the next two years. These services are vital for families in circumstances where leaving work is particularly challenging due to transportation or other demands.

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Parental consent is required for any service. Nemours provides the following services at all SBHC locations:

- Well exams and sports physicals
- Sick visits
- Preventative health care, including immunizations and health education
- Behavioral health counseling, including ADHD
- Nutrition counseling
- Assistance applying for insurance programs and other health and social services

"Partnering with Nemours Children's Health for an Elementary School Wellness Center is something we have wanted for years," said Seaford Superintendent Dr. Corey Miklus. "This partnership will be a great resource for the students and families of the Seaford School District."

Nemours will continue to pursue opportunities to replicate the success of this program with larger populations of Delaware Valley children. To learn more about how Nemours Children's is transforming the definition of children's health, visit https://www.nemours.org/about/sdoh.html.

About Nemours Children's Health

Nemours Children's Health is one of the nation's largest multistate pediatric health systems, including two free-standing children's hospitals and a network of more than 70 primary and specialty care practices. Nemours Children's seeks to transform the health of children by adopting a holistic health model that utilizes innovative, safe, and high-quality care, while also caring for the health of the whole child beyond medicine. Nemours Children's also powers the world's most-visited website for information on the health of children and teens, KidsHealth.org. The Nemours Foundation, established through the legacy and philanthropy of Alfred I. duPont, provides pediatric clinical care, research, education, advocacy, and prevention programs to the children, families and communities it serves.

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