Legacy Community Health and YES Prep Launch Dual School Clinics to Expand Access for Southeast Houston Families

New school-based clinics at Hobby Elementary and Secondary offer care to help keep students healthy and learning

HOUSTON, TX (September 5, 2025) – Families in Southeast Houston will now have easier access to essential health care, thanks to two new school-based clinics opened by <u>YES Prep Public Schools</u> and <u>Legacy Community School-Based Health Care</u> located on property at <u>YES Prep Hobby Elementary</u> (7660 Hansen Rd.) and <u>YES Prep Hobby Secondary</u> (8787 Tallyho Rd.). The clinics provide pediatric and behavioral health care directly on campus, where students learn—removing transportation barriers and helping students stay healthy, focused, and in class.

These openings mark the **20th and 21st joint clinic sites** between YES Prep and Legacy School-Based Health Care, bringing the total number of Legacy school-based clinics in Greater Houston and Galena Park communities to **39**. The clinics serve **all YES Prep students**, **their siblings**, and **children of YES Prep employees**, regardless of which campus they attend or whether their school has a clinic on-site. All services are offered **regardless of insurance status or ability to pay**.

"YES Prep is deeply committed to the success of our students—not just academically, but in every aspect of their lives," said Mark DiBella, CEO of YES Prep Public Schools. "These clinics reflect that commitment and the strength of our partnership with Legacy. Together, we're ensuring students and families have access to the care they need to thrive."

"We know that health and education go hand in hand," said Robert Palussek, CEO of Legacy Community Health. "These clinics represent what's possible when schools and health care providers unite to support the whole child. We're proud to stand beside YES Prep and The Brown Foundation to meet families where they are."

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

- What: Ribbon Cutting for Legacy School-Based Health Care clinics at YES Prep Hobby Secondary & Elementary Schools
- When: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 | 10:00 a.m.
- Where: YES Prep Hobby Secondary | 8787 Tallyho Rd., Houston, TX 77061
- Who:

- o Robert Palussek, Chief Executive Officer, Legacy Community Health
- Stephanie Ramirez, Vice President of School-Based Health Care, Legacy Community Health
- o Isy Castillo, Chief External Officer, YES Prep Public Schools
- Also in attendance
 - Elected Officials
 - Legacy Community Health leadership
 - YES Prep Public Schools leadership
- Clinic tours are available following the ceremony
- Media are encouraged to RSVP to publicaffairs@legacycommunityhealth.org.
- B-roll & photos available here:
 https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1edevW5KW1P5Bi_5bR8apO54pd5BZr3O
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Services Offered at the Clinic

The new clinics, made possible in part by a generous gift from The Brown Foundation, provide a full range of preventive and primary and behavioral health care services, including:

- Well-child checkups and immunizations
- Asthma and minor illness care
- Sports physicals
- Counseling and behavioral health support
- Psychiatry services by referral
- Preventive dental care referrals
- Vision screenings and referrals

School-Based Health: Proven Impact

In the 2024–2025 school year alone, Legacy School-Based Health Care completed **over 72,000 appointments** and served nearly **14,000 students**. By delivering care within schools, the program helps reduce health disparities, improves classroom attendance, and supports better outcomes for youth across Greater Houston and Galena Park communities.

"Too many families delay or forgo care because they can't take time off work or find transportation," said **Stephanie Ramirez**, Vice President of School-Based Health Care at Legacy Community Health. "Our partnership with YES Prep allows us to bring the clinic to the classroom, supporting students' physical and emotional health in a place that's familiar, safe, and convenient."

Support for School-Based Health Care

The expansion of school-based health care—including the new Hobby clinics—is made possible thanks in part to community support through events like the upcoming 15th Annual Frank Billingsley Golf Classic. Taking place on Monday, October 13, 2025, at Sweetwater Country Club in Sugar Land, the tournament raises critical funds for Legacy's School-Based Health Care program. Proceeds help Legacy continue its mission of connecting students to the care they need to stay healthy, succeed in school, and thrive.

To learn more about Legacy's School-Based Health Care program, visit: www.legacycommunityhealth.org/programs/school-based-health-care

About Legacy Community Health

Legacy Community Health is a full-service health care system comprised of 62 locations in the Texas Gulf Coast region offering primary and specialty care, as well as pharmacy services. For over 40 years, Legacy has been innovating the ways we provide comprehensive, quality health care services to individuals, families, and communities in need. As the largest Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Texas and a United Way-affiliated agency since 1990, Legacy ensures its services and programs are open to all, regardless of the ability to pay—without judgment or exception. To learn more, visit www.legacycommunityhealth.org.

About YES Prep Public Schools:

YES Prep is a tuition-free public charter school system serving 20,000 students across 24 campuses in Houston. Known nationally for its college readiness and strong academic outcomes, YES Prep is committed to providing a high-quality education to every student, from elementary through high school. The network is expanding to 26 campuses in 2025, welcoming 21,500 students — the most in YES Prep's 25-year history. YES Prep is dedicated to preparing students for success in college and beyond, helping to close opportunity gaps and build a brighter future for all Houston students.