

THE SCHOOL NURSE BULLETIN

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Critical Issues in School Health 2013

Session I
(10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)
March 28, 2013



Stephanie Knutson and Cheryl Resha

Presents

Clinical Procedures for School Nurses: What Guides Your Practice?

Objectives

This break-out session is specifically targeted to school nurses and school nurse supervisors who are interested in:

- gaining additional perspectives in developing clinical policies and administrative procedures; and
- gaining additional knowledge in research-based evidence, laws and regulations to support clinical practice.

Who should attend:

- all **new** school nurse supervisors;
- school nurses and school nurse supervisors engaged in developing clinical procedures and administrative procedures; and
- school nurses and school nurse supervisors who have not participated in an orientation.

Competency in School Nurse Practice

The **Competency in School Nurse Practice (Competencies)** document is designed to support the practice of school nursing within Connecticut schools. The areas of school nurse competency, supervision and evaluation are presented in an effort to promote high-quality school health services. The school nurse competencies delineate the knowledge and skills needed to practice nursing in the school setting.

The Connecticut State Department of Education is in the process of updating the **Competencies** to include the new school nurse Standards of Practice, as well as to streamline the **Evaluation Tool**. School nurse supervisors who are interested in piloting the more “user-friendly” evaluation tool for this school year’s evaluations, please contact Stephanie Knutson at stephanie.knutson@ct.gov. The **Competencies** is located at www.ct.gov/sde/schoolnurse.

!! Share Your Story Contest !!



World Asthma Day: May 7, 2013

In 2011, an estimated 25.9 million Americans had asthma, including 7.1 million children under the age of 18. In 2010, in CT, 9.2% of adults and 11.3% of children had asthma. We have all been affected by asthma, but each of us has our own story.

In Hartford, The Central CT Health District in partnership with the Region II Asthma Coalition is sponsoring a World Asthma Day 2013 and the “Share Your Story” contest. The contest allows participants to share how asthma has affected their lives.

Everyone who is a CT resident is invited to participate. There are two categories for the competition: youth (ages 5-17) and adults (18+).

Participants can share their stories in one of three media: Video (no longer than 2 minutes, upload to YouTube and email us the link), Poster (maximum size 11 x 17), or Essay with Pictures (maximum of 500 words and 3 pictures).

Send entries to **Hilary Norcia, Community Health Coordinator at Central CT Health District: 120 Cedar St., Newington, CT 06111, phone: 860-665-8571.**
For questions regarding entries email: HNorcia@newingtonct.gov.

Entries will be accepted from March 15-April 15, 2013 and displayed at the World Asthma Day event on May 7, 2013 at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford, CT. Be sure to include the name of all contributors to the project, ages, and contact information. Once materials are submitted, they become the property of the Region II Asthma Coalition.

Contest winners will be notified in advance of World Asthma Day 2013. All winners must attend the World Asthma Day event on May 7, 2013 and be available for other media appearances. First prize in each age category will be an iPod Nano valued at \$140.

The Central CT Health District and the Region II Asthma Coalition are proud to be part of this event.

Professional Development Opportunities

Lead Awareness and Management Workshops Sponsored by the Connecticut State Departments of Education and Public Health

Walk-ins welcomed!

Choose from one of the following FREE sessions being held from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.:

- Monday, March 25, 2013 at The Crowne Plaza Hotel , 100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416; or
- Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at EASTCONN Administrative Offices, 376 Hartford Turnpike, Hampton, CT 06247.


Spring 2013 School Nurse Supervisor Conference

Agenda
Tuesday, April 9, 2013



8:00	Registration and Breakfast
8:30	Welcome/Review of Agenda and Materials Stephanie Knutson, School Health Consultant, Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE)
	Legislative Updates and Trends Stephanie Knutson, CSDE
9:30	Crisis Intervention and Suicide prevention resources: <i>What school nurses need to know</i> ; and Updates and Mandates in DCF Reporting Tim Marshall LCSW, Clinical Manager, Department of Children and Families
10:30	Break
10:45	Cadre Update Donna Kosiorowski, MS, NCSN, RN, Supervisor School Health Services, West Haven Board of Education
11:00	Immunization Program Updates and Trends Mick Bolduc, Epidemiologist, Department of Public Health
11:30	Association of School Nurses of Connecticut
12:00	Lunch
12:45	Break-out Sessions – Hot Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Asthma ✓ Autism ✓ Delegation ✓ Early Childhood Education: New Early Learning Standards! ✓ Section 504 ✓ Sexual Health Guidelines/Teen Dating Violence Prevention ✓ SRBI ✓ Student Success Plans ✓ Wrap around services and Alliance Districts
3:00	<i>Education Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Lead Poisoning in Children</i>
3:30	Evaluation


Professional Development Opportunities, cont'd



The Connecticut State Department of Education
presents the following opportunity for school nurses,
school nurse supervisors and administrators

Spring 2013 School Nurse Supervisor Conference

Tuesday, April 9, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Cromwell, 100 Berlin Road,
Cromwell, Connecticut 06416



Facilitator.....Stephanie Knutson, MSN, RN,
School Health Consultant,
Connecticut State Department
of Education

Fee.....\$50.00 per person

CEUs.....0.5

Register by3/26/13

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This activity will provide school nurse supervisors with information on multiple state initiatives and trends in the state. Additionally, school nurse supervisors will have the opportunity to network with colleagues.

As a result of attending this conference, participants will:

- gain additional knowledge in the role of school nurse in mandated reporting and behavioral health;
- gain additional knowledge in the role of school health services in school reform;
- gain additional knowledge in health promotion of school nursing services; and
- gain additional knowledge in state-mandated immunization regulations.

Register online at www.registereastconn.org. Click on the event title. You will need to input your four-digit PIN number and a valid Purchase Order (P.O.) number from your school. Note: If you will be paying by a personal check and not using a P.O., you will receive an invoice via e-mail to send in with your check.

If you have questions regarding registration, or have difficulty using the online form, e-mail conferenceoffice@eastconn.org, or call 860-455-1533.

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