



# THE SCHOOL NURSE BULLETIN

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### Lead Awareness and Management Challenge (LAMC)

for Leadership Teams in Connecticut Public and Non-Profit Private Schools

#### Overview

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) in collaboration with the Connecticut State Department of Public Health (DPH) is offering a funding opportunity to support the participation of leadership teams from public and private non-profit schools to attend a workshop on lead poisoning prevention and intervention for educators. Through stimulating presentations and action-oriented activities school teams will learn up-to-date research related to the effects of lead exposure on child development and learning, school district responsibilities in identifying and intervening with students who have a history of lead poisoning, and resources available for training other school personnel.

#### Lead Poisoning Awareness and Management Guidelines

At the workshop, team members will be introduced to new guidelines for educators related to:

- lead prevention;
- early identification of students exposed and affected by lead;
- educational programming in response to lead exposure in order to mitigate or eliminate existing or potential deficits; and
- on-line training courses available for educators:
  - ✓ The Health Education Lead Poisoning (H.E.L.P.) Course Series available on the DPH, Public Health Foundation Train's Web site at <http://feact.org/training/help.html>; and
  - ✓ Lead Poisoning: Limiting the Ability to Learn, an awareness training course for educators regarding lead poisoning in children available on the Connecticut Children's Medical Center's Web site at [http://www.connecticutchildrens.org/body\\_d got.cfm?id=1589](http://www.connecticutchildrens.org/body_d got.cfm?id=1589).

#### Criteria for Lead Advisory Team Members

To participate in the workshop, each applicant must create a lead advisory team. This team may include the following representatives:

- school nurse supervisor/school nurse;
- school nutrition staff;
- teacher/special education/pupil services administrator;
- school psychologist; and
- preschool/early childhood administrator.

If a school district/school/program does not have the mandatory personnel, it can provide an explanation on the application and suggest alternate team members. No more than five team members will be accepted.



#### Responsibilities of Lead Advisory Team

Each team will be expected to:

1. attend a workshop on April 9, 2014;
2. become knowledgeable about the CSDE *Lead Awareness and Management Guidelines*;
3. write an action plan for promoting lead poisoning awareness among its agency personnel at the workshop; and
4. develop administrative procedures related to lead poisoning prevention and intervention by the end of 2014.

**Application Deadline: March 28, 2014**

### **Important Note:**

**The Lead Awareness and Management Workshop will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Cromwell on April 9, 2014. Please Stephanie Knutson at [stephanie.knutson@ct.gov](mailto:stephanie.knutson@ct.gov) for applications.**

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### Compensation

A) Each **new** school/school district participating in this initiative shall receive a \$3,500 stipend for:

- ✓ attendance at the full-day workshop (April 9, 2014); and
- ✓ implementation of agreed upon lead poisoning awareness and management activities.

B) Each school/school district **re-applying** for participating in this initiative shall receive a \$1,500 stipend for:

- ✓ attendance and presentation of their 2013 implementation activities at the workshop (April 9, 2014); and
- ✓ implementation of agreed upon lead poisoning awareness and management activities.

### Questions

For additional information, please contact:

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School Health Consultant  
CSDE Bureau of Health/Nutrition,  
Family Services and Adult Education  
25 Industrial Park Road  
Middletown, CT 06457  
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E-mail: [stephanie.knutson@ct.gov](mailto:stephanie.knutson@ct.gov)

### Application Process

Complete the application form and submit by **March 28, 2014**, to:

Stephanie Knutson, MSN  
School Health Administrator  
Connecticut State Department of Education  
Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education  
25 Industrial Park Road  
Middletown, CT 06457

The CSDE will notify applicants of their status by **April 2, 2014**.



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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: School Nurse Supervisors  
FROM: Stephanie Kmtson, School Health Administrator  
DATE: January 13, 2014  
SUBJECT: Ordering School Health Records for 2014-15 School Year

It is time to order Cumulative Health Records (CHR-1) and Health Assessment Records (HAR-3) for delivery in spring 2014, and use in the 2014-15 school year. Each district must determine the number of CHR-1 and HAR-3 forms needed based on its student population and number of forms currently in stock. Please order sufficient numbers to share with charter, private and parochial schools served by your district and with all health care provider offices in your community. The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) only distributes CHR and HAR forms to public school districts. You are responsible for providing the health care providers in your community with forms.

Please complete the order form below for your district and return it to Glenda Stuckey before March 1, 2014. We do not stock an excess of extra forms at the CSDE, therefore please order enough to cover your needs for one year.

Print or type clearly and return by March 3, 2014, to Glenda Stuckey at [glenda.stuckey@ct.gov](mailto:glenda.stuckey@ct.gov).

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

CHR-1 folders (Number of packets): \_\_\_\_\_  
(50 folders per packet)

HAR-3 blue forms (Number of packets): \_\_\_\_\_  
(100 blue forms per packet)

## Professional Development Opportunities

### Field Trip Guidelines

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is inviting you and your school nurses to attend a professional development opportunity that features the **New Field Trip Guidelines** and the statewide school nurse evaluation process.

**Dates:** March 13, 2014 or March 17, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Location:** CSDE, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457

**Register by March 10, 2014:** [Glenda.stuckey@ct.gov](mailto:Glenda.stuckey@ct.gov)

## Professional Development Opportunities, cont'd

### 2014 Spring School Nurse Supervisor Conference

**Save the Date!**

**Date:** April 9, 2014  
**Location:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, Connecticut  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### The Thirty-Sixth Annual School Health Conference Critical Issues in School Health

Thursday, March 27th, 2014  
 Crowne Plaza Cromwell  
 Cromwell, Connecticut

#### Session I

- Workshop #1 - Bringing Arthritis Treatment to School
- Workshop #2 - CT Homebound Regulations: New Responsibilities for School Nurses and Medical Advisors
- Workshop #3 - Sex, Drugs and Adolescent Confidentiality? What you Need to Know About Your Teenage Patient's Legal Rights
- Workshop #4 - Starting from Scratch: Common Pediatric Dermatoses
- Workshop #5 - Responding to Disclosure: Supporting Youth Survivors of Sexual Violence
- Workshop #6 - DCF—Differential Response and Clinical Conversation
- Workshop #7 - Wellness Works—Count Me In! Strategies for YOUR Health

#### Session II

- Workshop #8 - When Boys will be Girls....Working with Gender Non-confirming Children and Teens in School Environments
- Workshop #9 - Advances in the Management and Treatment of Food Allergies
- **Workshop #10 - Statewide School Nurse Evaluations: The New Trend!**
- Workshop #11 - Concussions and Return to Learn
- Workshop #12 - Ortho Tips for the School Nurse: A Practical Review and Demonstration
- Workshop #13 - 21st Century Ear Exam-Computer Assisted-Hands-on Workshop on Examining the Middle Ear
- Workshop #14 - Field Trips—Helpful Hints

For registration and additional information : <http://ct-aap.org/school-health>

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