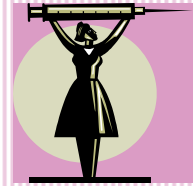




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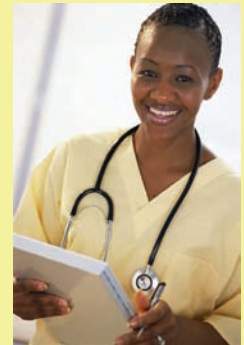


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## **School Nurse Supervisor Conference: What Does Health Have to Do with Secondary Transition?**

**Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Courtyard Marriott, Cromwell, Connecticut**



Health impacts all aspects of life and therefore is a topic that should be addressed in planning for a student's transition from high school to adult life, including work, college, and independent living. Success in the classroom, within the community, and on the job requires that young people, especially youth with special health care needs (YSHCN), stay healthy. In order to do this, young people need to understand their health and how it impacts them as they transition to adult life, and to be able to participate in making decisions about their health care. At this workshop, school nurses and nursing supervisors will learn about the connection between health care and secondary transition and the role of school nurses in transition planning for YSHCN and youth with disabilities.

As a result of attending this conference, participants will:

- become familiar with the Medical Home Model, health literacy, and relevant legislation;
- gain additional knowledge about the transition needs of YSHCN and the health care needs of all transition students with IEPs and/or 504 Plans;
- become familiar with new initiatives and trends in the state; and
- network with other nursing supervisors.

Registration information is located on the State Education Resource Center (SERC) Web site at [www.ctserc.org](http://www.ctserc.org). Please direct questions regarding registration to Yolanta Garcia, Project Assistant, SERC at 860-632-1485, ext. 264, or [gar-cia@ctserc.org](mailto:gar-cia@ctserc.org).

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## **Critical Issues in School Health 2010**

The 32nd Annual School Health Conference - Hezekiah Beardsley,  
Connecticut Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics

**Date:** Thursday, May 20, 2010  
**Location:** Farmington Marriott Hotel, Farmington, Connecticut  
**Registration:** Please contact Rhonda at 914-734-1269.

## **Teen Pregnancy, STD and HIV/AIDS Prevention Cadre of Trainers Workshop**

The Connecticut State Department of Education Teen Pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases (STD) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)/acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) Prevention Cadre of Trainers is pleased to offer an interactive workshop designed to assist youth serving professionals with pregnancy, STD and HIV/AIDS prevention. This training will provide participants with activities selected from several of the Cadre training modules.

### **Workshop Objectives:**

- to increase participants' basic knowledge and understanding of Teen Pregnancy, STDs and HIV/AIDS;
- to increase participants' ability to talk openly about diversity issues as they relate to pregnancy, STD and HIV/AIDS prevention;
- to increase participants' knowledge of the Reducing the Risk and Making Proud Choices prevention curricula; and
- to increase participants' ability to assist youth in developing an emotional and intellectual understanding of the causes, incidence, progression and health implications of STDs, hepatitis and HIV/AIDS through the use of an art-based curriculum.

**Location:** Martin Kellogg Middle School, 155 Harding Ave., Newington, Connecticut, 06111

**Audience:** Health Educators, Family and Consumer Science Teachers, Nurses, School-Based Health Personnel, and Other Youth-serving Community-Based Professionals.

**Date:** March 26, 2010 **Time:** 1:05 p.m. - 3:05 p.m. **CEU's:** .2 **Fee:** No Charge

**Registration:** Contact James Horton, Program Facilitator at 860-739-7742 or [srshorton@aol.com](mailto:srshorton@aol.com).



## ***Tell Me What You See***

Take part in a professionally enriching training opportunity! The ***Tell Me What You See*** initiative, a supplemental health education program for high school aged youth addressing STDs, hepatitis and HIV/AIDS prevention, integrates functional knowledge and skill development through an art-based approach for prevention education. The art and poetry, created by incarcerated youth, focus on a multidisciplinary approach, and include various forms of student assessment. The ***Tell Me What You See*** program goals for integrating student artwork into existing prevention efforts promote youth to parent/guardian dialogue and enhance teachers' and youth service providers' efforts to convey actionable prevention programs in their communities.

Participants will review how the ***Tell Me What You See*** materials can be used to:

- reach youth on an emotional level that creates understanding of the causes and health implications of STDs, hepatitis and HIV/AIDS;
- improve communication, decision-making, and negotiating skills as it relates to STDs, hepatitis and HIV/AIDS prevention; and
- increase understanding of the personal and social implications of healthy behaviors and risky behaviors.

Program Evaluation results indicated increased student:

- functional knowledge;
- ability to visualize and be introspective;
- ability to consider the impact of behavior on family, friends, community and self; and
- communication with significant adults – parents, teachers, health professionals and others.

For curriculum questions please contact James Horton, Program Facilitator at 860-739-7742 or [srshorton@aol.com](mailto:srshorton@aol.com), or Dr. Bonnie J. Edmondson, Comprehensive School Health Education Consultant at 860-807-2077 or [bonnie.edmondson@ct.gov](mailto:bonnie.edmondson@ct.gov).

**Date:** April 9, 2010 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** Connecticut State Department of Education, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, Connecticut 06457

**Registration:** Online at <http://www.registereastconn.org> and click on "Tell Me What You See" under "Connecticut State Department of Education Professional Development."

### 22nd Annual New England School Nurse Conference: *School Nurses Lighting the Way*

**Date:** April 30, Mayland 2, 2010

**Location:** Mystic Marriott Hotel and Spa, Groton, Connecticut

**Registration:** [www.ctschoolnurses.org](http://www.ctschoolnurses.org)



### 2010 Asthma Educator Institute

The American Lung Association will be having an Asthma Educator Institute on April 15 and 16, 2010, in Mystic, Connecticut.

**Date:** April 15 and 16, 2010

**Location:** Ramada Mystic Hotel, Mystic, Connecticut

**Registration:** Online at [www.lungne.org](http://www.lungne.org)

For more information, contact Michelle Marichal at 860-838-4370 or [mmarichal@lungne.org](mailto:mmarichal@lungne.org).



### Pediatric Vaccinations

This course will provide a refresher training on flu vaccine injection and nasal spray procedures with emphasis on children and infants. All materials and supplies will be provided. Funding for this program provided by the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Two Sessions will be offered.

#### Session 1

**Date:** April 5, 2010 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** University of Connecticut, Torrington, Connecticut

#### Session 2

**Date:** April 12, 2010 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Connecticut Valley Hospital, Middletown, Connecticut

**Registration:** <https://ct.train.org> (use TRAINCT course ID # 1019229). For additional information please contact Denise Ramoutar, Connecticut Department of Public Health at 860-509-7248 or [denise.ramoutar@ct.gov](mailto:denise.ramoutar@ct.gov).



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### Foodborne Disease Tabletop Exercise

A tabletop exercise is designed to test the ability of a group to respond to a situation. This all day workshop will provide attendees with the opportunity to learn about emergencies involving foodborne diseases and how to handle a situation involving a foodborne outbreak. The workshop will include a facilitator who will lay out the terms of specific scenarios. Participants will work together to come up with various responses to the different situations.

**Target audience:** Food Service Directors, School Nurses and Certified Local Food Inspectors

**Location:** Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven

**Presented by:** The Connecticut Department of Public Health Food Protection Program and the Connecticut State Department of Education.

While not required, it is strongly recommend that participants come as a team (i.e., a school nurse and a foodservice director from a district or school).

### "Together We Will" Annual Conference Assessment: It's Not Just a "Tool"

"Together We Will" is an annual conference focusing on children age birth to 5 with developmental delays.

**Date:** April 9, 2010 **Time:** 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Crowne Plaza, Cromwell, Connecticut

**Registration:** Please contact Linda Zorovich at 860-632-1485, extension 229 or Jasmine Lin at extension 245 for help navigating through the State Education Resource Center's online registration system at <http://ctserc.info/>.

**Deadline for submitting applications is March 26, 2010!**

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