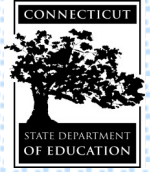




THE SCHOOL NURSE BULLETIN

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2012-13 School Health Services Information Survey

Thank you for your efforts last year with the School Health Services Information Survey. We received 70.4 percent of surveys back from Connecticut school districts. A copy of the report along with the 2004-12 Summary Highlights Report are available at the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) Health Promotion/School Nurse Web site at www.ct.gov/sde/schoolnurse.

The CSDE would again like to request your participation in the School Health Services Information Survey. This survey represents an opportunity to continue documenting the school health services provided to students and staff in Connecticut public and private, non-profit schools. All surveys **MUST** be completed by June 15, 2013, to allow adequate time for data analysis.

To increase ease in completion, we will be utilizing *SurveyMonkey* for this year's data collection. All information needed to complete the survey may be found on the EDUCATION CONNECTION Web site at www.educationconnection.org. On the homepage near the top of the survey you will see a list of links. The last link in the row is titled, "School Services". Please click on that link. On the left side of the next page you will see a list of links. Click on the bottom link in the list, "Center for Collaborative Evaluation and Strategic Change". On the next page, the bottom link on the left is the link for "State Department of Education Health Services Survey". Please click on that link to enter the "SDE Health Services Survey" Web page.

On that Web page, you will see instructions to complete the survey/questionnaire, a sample form for data collection by school nurses at the building level, and reports from the last years of data collection including the summary reports tracking trends over time. A list of all school districts in Connecticut and their school codes is also posted for your convenience.

Each School Nurse Coordinator/Supervisor will need to gather some of the data from each building and compile the information. As the coordinator/supervisor, you will be entering only the totals for your district into the School Health Services Information Survey.

I would like to thank you in advance for your participation in this important project. Please feel free to contact me at 860-807-2108 or stephanie.knutson@ct.gov if you have any questions.

Ordering School Health Records for 2013-14 School Year

It is time to order Cumulative Health Records (CHR-1) and Health Assessment Records (HAR-3) for delivery in May 2013, and use in the 2013-14 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.

Late orders will be accepted through March 11, 2013. Please send in your order forms to Glenda Stuckey at glenda.stuckey@po.state.ct.us. We do not stock an excess of extra forms at the Connecticut State Department of Education, therefore please order enough to cover your needs for **one year**. Please remember your district needs to share its supply with appropriate medical practitioners and other schools in its community. Orders will be sent to the school district by the end of May 2013.

Lead Awareness and Management Challenge!

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.

Each team will be expected to:

- attend a full day workshop on March 25 or 27, 2013, (see flyer on page 3);
- become knowledgeable about the CSDE Lead Awareness and Management Guidelines;
- write an action plan for promoting lead poisoning awareness among its agency personnel at the workshop; and
- develop administrative procedures related to lead poisoning prevention and intervention by the end of 2013.

Compensation:

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

- attendance at the full-day workshop (March 25 or 27, 2013); 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 \$2,000 stipend for:

- attendance and presentation of their 2012 implementation activities at the full-day workshop (March 25 or 27, 2013); and
- implementation of agreed upon lead poisoning awareness and management activities.

Application Deadline:

- March 15, 2013.

Questions:

- For additional information, please contact Stephanie Knutson, CSDE School Health Consultant at stephanie.knutson@ct.gov.

!! 2013-14 Immunization Requirements !!

The immunization requirements for enrolled students in Connecticut schools during the 2013-14 school year are located on the Health Promotion Services/School Nurse Web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/deps/student/health/SchoolImmunizations.pdf>.



Lead Awareness and Management Workshops

Sponsored by the Connecticut State Departments of Education and Public Health



Choose from one of the following FREE sessions:

- **March 27, 2013** • EASTCONN Administrative Offices, 376 Hartford Turnpike, Hampton, CT 06247
8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. • Course #: 1225300750
- **March 25, 2013** • Crowne Plaza, 100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416 • 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Course #: 1225300748



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.

As a result of participating in this workshop, attendees will:

- gain additional knowledge in lead management and awareness;
- understand the effects of lead exposure on child development and learning; and
- contribute to school district development of administrative procedures related to lead poisoning prevention and intervention.

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

Fee: FREE (includes breakfast and lunch)

CEUs: 0.5

Register by: 3/13/13



Register online at <http://www.eastconn.org/index.php/registration/csde-reg>. Click on the title. You will need to input your 4-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 a confirmation 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. Weather-related closings or delay information can be found online the day of the event at <http://www.eastconn.org/index.php/closings-delays>, or call 860-455-0420.

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Professional Development Opportunity



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
Course #1225300624

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.

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