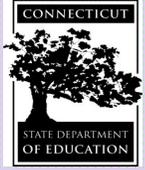




THE SCHOOL NURSE BULLETIN

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2014 -15 ED 513 Report - Reimbursement of Health Services for Children in Nonprofit Private Schools

Section 10-217a of the Connecticut General Statutes requires each town or regional school district that provides health services to children attending its public schools, in kindergarten through Grade 12, to provide the same services to children in those grades who attend nonprofit private schools within their jurisdiction, when a majority of children in those nonprofit private schools are Connecticut residents. In order to administer the grant program, which funds the health services in these nonprofit private schools, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has determined that information is needed regarding the health services that participating towns or regional school districts provide to their public school children.

Form ED 513, which serves as the blueprint for each town or regional school district that delivers health services to children attending its eligible nonprofit private schools, **must now be completed online by the local or regional school district of each participating town.** Please note the following:

- Access the CSDE's data collection Web site at <https://www.csde.state.ct.us> and complete the 2014-15, information for the ED513 report for your district by **Monday, June 15, 2015**;
- Follow the instructions for the security pop-up windows until reaching the Web page that lists the various Department data collection options. Click on "ED-513 Health Services Plan - Current and Prior Years"; and
- You will need to contact your district's "school business official" regarding access to the ED513 report on the CSDE's data collection Web site at <https://www.csde.state.ct.us>.

If you have questions regarding the eligibility of a particular health service, please feel free to contact me at 860-807-2108 or stephanie.knutson@ct.gov. Questions regarding the Web site may be referred to Bhuvana (Bonne) Pathman, in the Bureau of Grants Management at 860-713-6458 or Bonne.pathman@ct.gov.

Annual Epinephrine Training Program for Connecticut's Unlicensed School Personnel

Public Act No. 14-176, An Act Concerning the Storage and Administration of Epinephrine in Public Schools, amended Section 10-212a of the Connecticut General Statutes to require schools to administer epinephrine through a cartridge injector as emergency first aid to students who experience a life-threatening allergic reaction, on school grounds, during regular school hours, even when there is no parental authorization or a written order of a qualified medical professional.

Public Act No. 14-176 also requires the Departments of Education (CSDE) and Public Health to jointly develop, in consultation with the School Nurse Advisory Council, an annual training program regarding emergency first aid to students who experience allergic reactions. Training documents are available to Connecticut's local and regional boards of education for use in training school staff and is located on the Health Promotion Services/School Nurse Web site at www.ct.gov/sde/schoolnurse. The training documents are listed alphabetically under the "Publication" section on the Web site as follows:

Emergency first aid for students who experience allergic reactions - training documents include (5):

1. Trainer's Guide - Annual Epinephrine Administration Training program for Connecticut's Unlicensed School Personnel;
2. Annual Epinephrine Administration Training program for Connecticut's Unlicensed School Personnel;
3. Hands Only CPR and First Aid for a Student Experiencing Anaphylaxis;
4. Steps in the Emergency Use of an Epinephrine Auto-injector; and
5. NASN – Management of Food Allergies School Treatment.

2014-15 School Health Services Program Information Survey: PREVIEW

Thank you for your efforts last year with the Health Services Program Information Survey (Survey). A copy of the report along with the 2004-14 Summary Highlights Report is available on the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) Health Promotion Services/School Nurse Web site at www.ct.gov/sde/schoolnurse.

Public Act No. 14-66, An Act Concerning Youth Athletics and Concussions requires that for the school year commencing July 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the State Board of Education shall require all local and regional school districts to collect and report all occurrences of concussions to the board. Each report shall contain, if known: (1) the nature and extent of the concussion, and (2) the circumstances in which the student sustained the concussion. For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school year thereafter, the State Board of Education shall send a concussion report to the Department of Public Health containing all of the information received. In addition, not later than October 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Public Health shall report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly the findings of the concussion report provided to the department.

In response to this new reporting requirement, the CSDE has incorporated concussion questions into the existing CSDE Survey that is completed annually by school nurses and school nurse supervisors throughout the state since 2004. While the full completion of the Survey is not mandatory, the concussion questions must be completed by all local and regional school districts in order to comply with the concussion reporting requirements of Public Act No. 14-66.

Over the past eleven-year period, response rates of Connecticut school districts have ranged from 61 to 89 percent, providing valuable data that assists local and regional boards of education and state agencies with information on the health status of students. We therefore encourage completion of the entire survey.

Important: The date for the release of the Survey is forthcoming. Please expect communication regarding the completion of the Survey during or before the month of April 2015.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

School Nurse Emergency Medical Services (SNEMS-C) Program

Program Dates: July 28, 29 and 30, 2015

Registration: <http://nursing.uconn.edu/program-info/lifelong-learningcontinuing-education/school-nurse-emergency-medical-services-snems-c-program/>

The purpose of the *School Nurse Emergency Medical Services for Children Program* is to reduce morbidity and mortality in children and youths who are injured or become ill at school. This 3-day workshop is presented by a team of instructors and includes lectures, slide, and demonstrations/practice techniques to teach assessment, triage, and critical problem-solving scenarios with emergency medical services personnel. Training includes the role of the School Nurse in emergency planning.

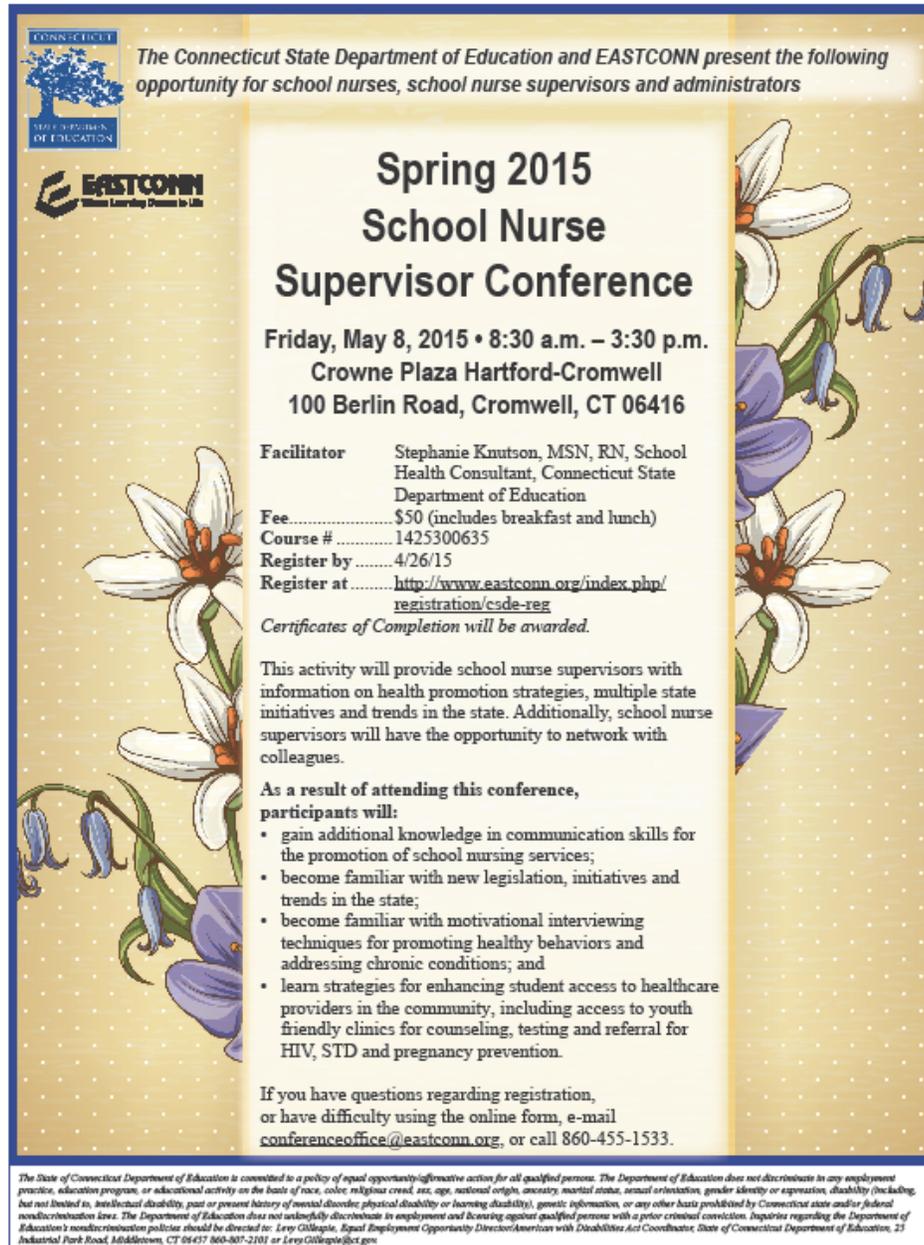
Objectives of the Program

Upon completion of the SNEMS-C program, school nurses should be able to:

- Use prioritized assessment skills recognized by EMS-C;
- Provide a level of pre-hospital care that conforms with EMS-C protocols;
- Develop a comprehensive school emergency plan with their schools and communities;
- Develop specific intervention strategies for student with special needs; and
- Collect and analyze data on school related injuries to improve student health.

These programs are a continuation of the School Nurse Medical Services for Children Program which was formally administered by the Center for Continuing Studies, University of Connecticut in Storrs, CT.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES, CONT'D



CONNECTICUT
STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

EASTCONN
Where Learning Comes to Life

Spring 2015 School Nurse Supervisor Conference

Friday, May 8, 2015 • 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Hartford-Cromwell
100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416

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

Fee.....\$50 (includes breakfast and lunch)

Course #.....1425300635

Register by.....4/26/15

Register at.....<http://www.eastconn.org/index.php/registration/csde-reg>

Certificates of Completion will be awarded.

This activity will provide school nurse supervisors with information on health promotion strategies, 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 communication skills for the promotion of school nursing services;
- become familiar with new legislation, initiatives and trends in the state;
- become familiar with motivational interviewing techniques for promoting healthy behaviors and addressing chronic conditions; and
- learn strategies for enhancing student access to healthcare providers in the community, including access to youth friendly clinics for counseling, testing and referral for HIV, STD and pregnancy prevention.

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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