

School Nurse Bulletin



VOLUME 2, ISSUE 1

MARCH 2009

Stephanie Knutson, MSN, RN School Health Consultant

Special Points of Interest:

- *2009 School Health Survey*
- *Epinephrine Administration Form*
- *Poison Control Week is March 15—21*

2009 School Health Survey

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) would again like to request your participation in the School Health Services Information Survey. In 2007—2008, participation rate was 73 percent. The Connecticut State Department of Education's goal is 100 percent participation. 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. Data collection for the 2008-2009 academic year should be conducted during **March and April, 2009**. All surveys **MUST** be completed by **June 6, 2009** to allow adequate time for data analysis.

All information needed to complete the survey may be found on the EDUCATION CONNECTION website at:

http://www.educationconnection.org/new/programs/prog_sde.php .

The School Health Services Information Survey Letter to School Nurse Supervisors from Dr. Cheryl Resha is attached with this bulletin and can be accessed at :

http://www.educationconnection.org/new/pdfs/sde_shnurseintro.pdf



Epinephrine Administration Form

Please complete for each episode of epinephrine administration to students.

Mail or fax the attached form to: Stephanie Knutson, Connecticut State Department of Education, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457. Fax # 860-807-2127.

The **Epinephrine Administration form** can be accessed at the following link under the "**Health Forms**" section:

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&q=320768>

COMMUNITY FORUMS

Supporting Children with Special Health Care Needs in a Medical Home Forum— Thursday, May 7, 2009

The Connecticut Support Family Network will be hosting a statewide forum on 5/ 7/09 as an introduction to Medical Home Model. The Medical Home Model is one in which the primary care physician serves as the "medical home" for all the records, correspondence and coordination of care for a child with special healthcare needs - providing care coordination and valuing family-centered care and parent/professional partnerships. Cost is free! Breakfast and lunch will be served. Register at jtcarrroll@cox.net or by calling toll free 877-376-2329. The medical home model flyer will be attached with this month's issue of the **School Nurse Bulletin**.

Shaken Baby Forum— Thursday, April 16, 2009

The **Children's Trust Fund** invites you to attend "**Ending the Tragedy on Shaken Baby Syndrome - Working Together. Preventing the Tragedy**" scheduled for Thursday 4/16/09 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum 600 Main Street Hartford, CT 06103. Please contact Lori Franceschini to reserve your group of free tickets for students, parents or families, at 860-418-8777 or Lori.franceschini@ct.gov. The following flyer will be attached with this month's issue of the School Nurse Bulletin.



IN THE NEWS...

The 2009 Connecticut Health Disparities Report

Compares leading indicators of health status for racial or ethnic minority populations (and other disparity populations) relative to the White (majority) population of Connecticut. These analyses are presented in the context of current social and economic conditions affecting health outcomes. Health access and health care workforce issues are also addressed. This report will be helpful to policy makers, researchers, health professionals, advocates, and others working to improve the health of all people in Connecticut.

This report may be accessed on-line and hard copies may be ordered via the link below:

<http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3132&q=433794>

Prescription Drug Abuse on the Rise

University of Connecticut Health Center Webcast

March 13, 2009

FARMINGTON, CONN. – Most of us take prescription drugs only for the reason the doctor intended. Nevertheless, an estimated 48 million people (aged 12 and older), according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, have used prescription drugs for nonmedical reasons in their lifetime. That figure represents approximately 20 percent of the U.S. population.

In recent years, there has been a dramatic increase in prescription drug misuse or abuse. This increase has led to a corresponding increase in ER visits because of accidental overdoses as well as admissions to drug treatment programs for drug addictions. To continue reading, access the following link:

<http://www.uhc.edu/ocomm/newsreleases09/mar09/prescription.html>

Contact: Carolyn Pennington, 860-679-4864

e-mail: cpennington@uchc.edu

STEPHANIE KNUTSON, MSN, RN SCHOOL HEALTH CONSULTANT

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

Phone: 860-807-2108

E-mail: stephanie.knutson@ct.gov

**...Keeping CT School Nurses
Informed and Involved!**



We're on the Web!

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&q=320768>

NONDISCRIMINATORY STATEMENT

The State of Connecticut Department of Education is committed to a policy of equal opportunity/affirmative action for all qualified persons and does not discriminate in any employment practice, education program, or educational activity on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion or any other basis prohibited by Connecticut state and/or federal non-discrimination laws. Inquiries regarding the Department of Education's nondiscrimination policies should be directed to the Equal Employment Opportunity Manager, State of Connecticut Department of Education, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457-1543, 860-713-6530.