

THE SCHOOL NURSE BULLETIN

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The Connecticut State Department of Education and EASTCONN present the following opportunity for school nurses, school nurse supervisors, related service providers and school wellness team members



Spring 2016 School Nurse Supervisor Conference

Thursday, May 19, 2016 • 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 Radisson Hotel Cromwell, 100 Berlin Road
 Cromwell, CT 06416



Facilitator.....Stephanie Knutson, MSN, RN, School Health
 Consultant, Connecticut State Department of Education
 Fee.....\$75 (includes breakfast and lunch)
 Course #1525300680
 Register by5/6/16
 Register at<http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/13861>
Certificates of Completion will be awarded.

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:

- become familiar with new legislation, initiatives and trends in the state;
- gain additional knowledge on meeting the healthcare needs of students;
- become familiar with youth-friendly healthcare resources; and
- network with other school nurses and school nurse supervisors.

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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2015-16 School Health Services Program Information Survey
and
Concussion Reporting

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 are mandatory and 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.

Important: The date for the release of the 2015-16 Survey is forthcoming. Please expect communication regarding the completion of the Survey during the month of April 2016.

2015 -16 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 ED513, 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 2015-16, information for the ED513 report for your district by **Monday, June 15, 2016**; and
- Follow the instructions for the security pop-up windows until reaching the Web page that lists the various Department data collection options. Click on "ED513 Health Services Plan - Current and Prior Years."

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. 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.

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