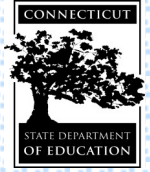




# THE SCHOOL NURSE BULLETIN

## MARCH 2014



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### **2013-14 School Health Services Information Survey**

Thank you for your efforts last year with the School Health Services Information Survey. A copy of the report along with the 2004-13 Summary Highlights Report is available on the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) Health Promotion/School Nurse Web site at [www.ct.gov/sde/schoolnurse](http://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, 2014, 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 directly at <http://www.educationconnection.org/school-services/center-for-collaborative-evaluation-and-strategic-change/state-department-of-education-health-services-survey/> or on the EDUCATION CONNECTION Web site at [www.educationconnection.org](http://www.educationconnection.org).

On the EDUCATION CONNECTION Web site 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](mailto:stephanie.knutson@ct.gov) if you have any questions.



## 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 workshop on April 9, 2014, or May 13, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell;
- 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 2014.

### **Compensation:**

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

- attendance at the workshop; 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 \$1,500 stipend for:

- attendance and presentation of their 2013 implementation activities at the workshop; and
- implementation of agreed upon lead poisoning awareness and management activities.

### **Application Deadline Extension:**

- April 4, 2014.

### **Questions:**

- For additional information, please contact Stephanie Knutson, CSDE School Health Consultant at [stephanie.knutson@ct.gov](mailto:stephanie.knutson@ct.gov).



## Professional Development Opportunity



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





### Spring 2014 School Nurse Supervisor Conference

**Wednesday, April 9, 2014 • 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
**Crowne Plaza 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 # .....1325300812

Register by .....3/31/14

Register at .....<http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/11891>

*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:**

- 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 the Access Healthcare Connecticut; Lead  
Management and Awareness strategies; and
- network with other nursing supervisors.

Register online at <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/11891>.  
If you have questions regarding registration, or have difficulty using the  
online form, e-mail [conferenceoffice@eastconn.org](mailto:conferenceoffice@eastconn.org), or call 860-455-1533.

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### **Invitation to Professional Nursing Organizations and Affiliations**

The Connecticut State Department of Education would like to invite professional nursing organizations and affiliations to attend and share information (via display tables at no cost to your organization) at the Spring 2014 School Nurse Supervisor Conference on April 9, 2014, 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m. at the Crowne Plaza, Cromwell.

The 2014 Spring School Nurse Supervisor Conference provides school nurses and school nurse supervisors with information on multiple state initiatives and trends in the state e.g. 2012-13 Survey Results, Asthma Report and Updates, and Immunizations. Afternoon break-out sessions will cover a wide-range of topics: *School Nurse Evaluation/Field Trip Guidelines*, *Lead Awareness and Management*, *Concussion - "Return to Learn"*, *CT Health Access versus HUSKY: What School Nurses Need to Know*, *The High Tech. of Diabetes*, and *Homebound and Chronic Absenteeism: Role of the School Nurse*. Additionally, school nurse supervisors will have the opportunity to network with colleagues, guests and communicate with display presenters.

For information on attendance to this event, please contact Stephanie Knutson at [stephanie.knutson@ct.gov](mailto:stephanie.knutson@ct.gov).

### **Invitation to Nursing Agencies**

The Connecticut State Department of Education would like to invite nursing agencies who can provide substitute school nurses to Connecticut's school districts, to attend and provide information (via a display table) at the Spring 2014 School Nurse Supervisor Conference on April 9, 2014, 8:30a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza, Cromwell.

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If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Knutson at [stephanie.knutson@ct.gov](mailto:stephanie.knutson@ct.gov) or if need assistance registering, please contact EASTCONN Conference Services at 860-455-1533 or [conferenceoffice@eastconn.org](mailto:conferenceoffice@eastconn.org).



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