



# THE SCHOOL NURSE BULLETIN

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### Support for Displaced Students

Resources to support school districts' continued efforts in welcoming new arrivals to school communities are located on the Connecticut State Department of Education's Web site located at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/site/default.asp> . The resources include:

- [Support for Displaced Students - Health and Immunization Information](#) – This document provides information about how schools may access immunization information and health assessment for students.
- [A Guide for Parents Guardians and Caregivers](#) - This brochure explains the educational rights of children and youth experiencing homelessness and informs parents about ways in which they can support their children's education during times of mobility.
- [Standby Guardian Forms for Hurricane Evacuees](#) - This document was developed by the Governor's office. School districts may consider the use of this form for unaccompanied youth, or youth residing with relatives who are not legal guardians, to replace typical proof of guardianship in order to facilitate consent for immunizations, medical care and to participate fully in activities that require such approval. However, the use of this form, or other similar documents, may not delay school enrollment or create barriers for any student entitled to immediate enrollment under the McKinney-Vento Act (see [McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth](#) ). The Spanish version of this form is being developed.
- [Students Living with Caregivers](#) - Tips for Local Liaisons and School Personnel Issue Brief: This brief from the National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) explores caregiver living situations and offers strategies that school districts can implement to ensure that these students and their caregiver families receive appropriate services.
- [Surrogate Parent Program - Request for a Surrogate](#) - The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires school districts to ensure the appointment of a surrogate parent when a child is identified as an "unaccompanied homeless youth" as defined in the McKinney-Vento Act. The Request for Surrogate form may be completed, then e-mailed or faxed by school personnel for the purpose of determining whether a child needs a surrogate parent and for assigning a surrogate parent to the youth.

Other resources include:

- [Social-Emotional and Behavioral Health](#)
- [Trauma-Focused Treatments Map](#)
- [Trauma-informed practices](#)
- [Una Guía para Padres, Tutores, y Encargados](#)

## CDC releases new version of : The School Health Index (SHI): Self-Assessment & Planning Guide 2017

Information below may be found on the CDC Web site at <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/shi/index.htm>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has released the [School Health Index \(SHI\): Self-Assessment & Planning Guide 2017](#), an online self-assessment and planning tool that schools can use to improve their health and safety policies and programs. The SHI was developed by CDC in partnership with school administrators and staff, school health experts, parents, and national nongovernmental health and education agencies to:

- Enable schools to identify strengths and weaknesses of health and safety policies and programs.
- Enable schools to develop an action plan for improving student health, which can be incorporated into the [School Improvement Plan](#).
- Engage teachers, parents, students, and the community in promoting health-enhancing behaviors and better health.

There are new modules and health topics in the 2017 SHI, including Social and Emotional Climate, Physical Environment, and Alcohol and Other Drug Use Prevention. Additionally, the updated 2017 School Health Index (SHI) aligns with the 8 components of the [Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child \(WSCC\) model](#).

There is a strong relationship between [student health behaviors and academic achievement](#). Schools play a critical role in promoting the health and safety of youth. Effective school health programs reduce student health risk behaviors.

Please share this updated resource with your colleagues who are involved in implementing teen HIV, STD and pregnancy prevention programs and stay in touch with [DASH](#) by following us on Twitter at [@CDC\\_DASH](#).

**The 2017 SHI** includes modules on:

- Social and Emotional Climate **NEW!**
- Physical Environment **NEW!**
- Employee Wellness and Promotion (formerly Health Promotion for Staff)
- Family Engagement
- Community Involvement
- School Health and Safety Policies and Environment
- Health Education
- Physical Education and Physical Activity Programs
- Nutrition Environment and Services
- School Health Services
- School Counseling, Psychological, and Social Services

**The 2017 SHI** addresses seven health topics:

- Alcohol and other drug use prevention **NEW!**
- Chronic health conditions (e.g., asthma, food allergies) **NEW!**
- Nutrition
- Physical activity and physical education
- Tobacco use prevention
- Sexual health, including HIV, other STDs, and pregnancy prevention
- Unintentional injury and violence prevention (safety)



# New School Nurse WORKSHOP

For School Nurses, School Nurse Supervisors, Special Education/Pupil Services Directors



**Monday, December 11, 2017 &  
Tuesday, December 12, 2017**  
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Holiday Inn  
Hartford Downtown Area,  
100 East River Drive  
East Hartford, CT 06108**

This professional learning opportunity, designed specifically for school nurses, will provide an overview of legal requirements; standards of practice and competencies for school nurses; supervisory issues; and the school nurse's role in student achievement, special education and academic success.

Participants will learn state laws and regulations regarding school health; state mandates for immunizations, health assessments, and screenings; documentation in school health services; special education and Section 504; and academic achievement issues related to school health.

**Date & Time:**

Mon., December 11, 2017 8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Tue., December 12, 2017 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Location:**

Holiday Inn Hartford Downtown Area,  
100 East River Drive, East Hartford, CT 06108

**Facilitator:** Stephanie Knutson, Education Consultant,  
CSDE & Other CT School Nurses

**Course#:** 1725300348 **Register by:** 12/03/2017

**Fee:** \$175, includes breakfast and lunch on both days.

**Register:**

<http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/15250>

Full attendance required for both days.

No partial attendance certificates will be awarded.



**Questions or information:**

**Registration:** 860-455-1533 or email [conferenceoffice@eastconn.org](mailto:conferenceoffice@eastconn.org)

**Content:** 860-807-2108 or email [stephanie.knutson@ct.gov](mailto:stephanie.knutson@ct.gov)

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