You must make the choice to take the chance for anything in life to ever change

Outcomes

The learner will identify issues in schools with legal reminders, new legislation changes, and understand and utilize the importance of data.

"Every Student Counts"



HIPAA and **FERPA**

- HIPAA does not apply to schools
 - Except with Staff
- Once medical information is given to a school nurse, it becomes and educational record and is protected by FERPA, not HIPAA



SPED and 504 Referral

- District personnel (including school nurses!) have a duty to refer a student when there is a suspicion that the student is disabled and in need of services.
 - Examples:
 - School is provided with a psychological assessment conducted outside school.
 - School has knowledge of student's need for medication and school troubles.
 - Student needs homebound services because of a disability.
 - Poor attendance caused by a suspected disability that affects educational performance.



Field Trips

- Cannot make parent attend for the student to attend
- Child still has a right to school nurse services (as noted in health plan, 504, or IEP)
- School must provide them
- Parent can volunteer, but if parent backs out at last minute, school must provide nursing services
- All education related activities, mandatory activities, extracurricular



School Buses

 Children are entitled to school nurse services, as defined in their IEP, health plan, or 504 plan, on the school bus



Immunizations

- Arkansas Code 6-18-702
- Kids must be immunized to be admitted to public school from poliomyelitis, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, MMR, and anything else required by State Board of Health
- Exceptions: Religious, philosophical, or medical exemption granted by the Department of Health
- Act 676 of 2019 added reporting requirements for schools



What Can Nurses Do?

- Make sure you're making appropriate referrals
- Know what you can and cannot do with your license
- Make sure IEP/504 Team has all important information even if you are not part of the team
- Keep good records and communicate with parents



Legislation 2019



Commissioner's Memo LS-19-099



School Nurse Survey



- 1801 Coordinated School Health
- Arkansas AWARE
- Nature's Wonder Innovation Grant
 - School Nurse Mental Health Forum
- Criminal Justice Institute Collaboration
 - State Opioid Response(SOR) Narcan Training
- Stop the Bleed
- School Nurse Academy
- Changed Lives of Arkansas Students

1.8 Million over 5 years
 9 Million over 5 years
 25 Thousand this year

100 Thousand this year

750 Thousand last year 150 Thousand this year

Priceless



School Nurse Data 2018-2019 Health Alerts

- **44,934** ADHD
- **37,701** Asthma
- 1,672 Diabetes (Type I and II)
- 3,934 Seizures
- **11,453** Life-Threatening Allergies



16,166 Students receive a long-term prescription at school

7,681 Students receive a short-term prescription at school

Students currently receiving mental health services27,755 On Campus6,107 Off Campus



Impact on education when having a nurse

2,314,275 Return to class
198,295 Sent to Home
39,883 Sent to Health Care Provider
1,004 Requiring 911
10,151 Sent to SBHC



Number of minor injuries and illnesses-receiving First Aid 1,487,457

Students with injuries followed-up with 911/HCP **18,892**

Head

Eye

Fracture

Strain/Sprain

Dental

Psychiatric

Heat Related

Anaphylaxis

Sudden Cardiac Arrest



Impact of Teen Pregnancy

920 pregnant
157 homebound services provided
62 dropped out permanently from school
81 with a high risk condition in pregnancy
302 referred for STD symptoms



Impact on education

151,202 visits/care to other school personnel provided by a school nurse



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New Data Point:

Number of Students Chronically Absent: Students missing at least 10% or more of school year including excused and unexcused absences



Questions?





"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." -Helen Keller



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