Nurses Leading Change and Building a Healthier America

Access to Care
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The Institute of Medicine has been renamed the National Academy of Medicine.
Nurses Are Transforming Health

The Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action

Everyone in America can live a healthier life, supported by a system in which nurses are essential partners in providing care and promoting health.
Areas of Focus

Education

Practice & Care

Leadership

Diversity

Interprofessional Collaboration

Data
Address All Factors That Affect Health

Health tied to:
• How much money people make
• How much school they’ve completed
• Neighborhoods they live in

The choices we make are based on the choices we have

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Many Factors Affect Health

- Health Outcomes
  - Length of Life (50%)
  - Quality of Life (50%)
- Health Factors
  - Health Behaviors (30%)
  - Clinical Care (20%)
  - Social & Economic Factors (40%)
- Policies & Programs
  - Physical Environment (10%)
  - Educational
  - Employment
  - Income
  - Family & Social Support
  - Community Safety
  - Air & Water Quality
  - Housing & Transit

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Disturbing Facts

• 1/3 of kids are either overweight or obese
• 75% of 17- to 24-year-olds are ineligible to serve in the military
• One of every two deaths in America is linked to chronic disease

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Where You Live Affects Your Health

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We, as a nation, will strive together to build a Culture of Health enabling all in our diverse society to lead healthy lives, now and for generations to come.
Many Partners...

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...Including School Nurses
Example: Community Health Initiative

- Nurses took a hospital accreditation community needs assessment and used findings to create a partnership
- Nurse-led coalitions address greatest needs
Example: School Wellness Committee

- School nurses across the nation are leading wellness initiatives.
- Partnerships are forming with community leaders, parents, students, health and PE teachers, food services, mental health care, and health services.
Example: In-School Clinics

- School nurses bring health care to the people
- Partnering with dentists, optometrists, mental health care agencies, local health departments, and local health care providers allows most vulnerable populations access to care
Example: Educate future partners

- School nurses speak to future teachers, administrators, nurses, health educators, health care professionals, police officers, and politicians
- Framework displays value of school nursing leadership, collaboration, and data
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