The Past, Present, and Future of School Nursing as a Hub for Community Culture of Health

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What a difference a century makes…

School nurses are still

▪ Fighting the spread of disease
▪ Battling absenteeism
▪ Combatting social determinants of health
▪ Making home visits
▪ Educating families
▪ Collecting data to prove our worth

School nurses are now also

▪ Addressing chronic health concerns that once prevented children from attending school
▪ Bridging the gap for millions of students who have no other access to health care
▪ Confronting students’ mental health needs and additional struggles
Framework for 21st Century School Nursing Practice™

STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

Care Coordination

Community/Public Health

Leadership

Quality Improvement

Family and School Community

Healthy, Safe, Ready to Learn

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NASN’s Framework for 21st Century School Nursing Practice (the Framework) provides structure and focus for the key principles and components of current day, evidence-based school nursing practice. It is aligned with the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child model that calls for a collaborative approach to learning and health (ASCD & CDC, 2014). Central to the Framework is student-centered nursing care that occurs within the context of the students’ family and school community. Surrounding the students, family, and school community are the non-hierarchical, overlapping key principles of Care Coordination, Leadership, Quality Improvement, and Community/Public Health. These principles are surrounded by the fifth principle, Standards of Practice, which is foundational for evidence-based, clinically competent, quality care. School nurses daily use the skills outlined in the practice components of each principle to help students be healthy, safe, and ready to learn.


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The connection between schools and health...

“We can’t educate children who are not healthy, and we can’t keep them healthy if they’re not educated.”

–Dr. Joycelyn Elders, former Surgeon General
Where You Live Affects Your Health

Source: SAVI
If schools are the hub of communities, school nurses are the hub of community healthcare.
All nurses can partner with school nurses to create a Culture of Health
Join the team

Be the community

https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/wscg/
Lead the change

http://wellnesscsi.com/floyd-county-coalitions/
Open the heart
Bring the care
Expose the students
Be the voice

- Only half of US schools have a full time RN and 18% of schools have no nurse at all
- For every dollar spent on school nurses, society gains $2.20
- School nurses have access to 55 million children (98% of children), with 1 out of every 4 having a chronic condition
- Schools with school nurses have higher attendance rates, immunization rates, and academic performance as well as lower dropout rates

(Maughan, 2016)
Thanks for partnering with school nurses!

Any questions or ideas on future partnerships for a healthier Indiana?
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References


