

Diabetes Care in Colorado Schools Collaborative

The Diabetes Care in Colorado Schools Collaborative was established in August 2005 and consists of members of the Colorado Department of Education, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, American Diabetes Association, school nurses, healthcare providers, parents and community members. The purpose was to enhance the care and safety of the child with diabetes in the school.

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DIABETES RESOURCE NURSES In COLORADO SCHOOLS & CHILD CARE



Enhancing the care and safety in school and child care for the child with diabetes

Diabetes Resource Nurse Program

Purpose

The incidence of diabetes in children has dramatically increased over the past several decades. The care of these children is complex and must be attended to in every aspect of their lives—including while in attendance at school/child care. School/Child care staff must be knowledgeable about diabetes care in order for children with diabetes to be safe in school/child care and to benefit optimally from their educational programs. Most registered nurses are already knowledgeable about diabetes management and are well-qualified to address the needs of children with diabetes while they are in school./child care. However, as the complexity of management of the disease increases, additional in-depth and on-going training is needed, especially in the areas of diabetes technology and insulin management. The Diabetes Resource Nurse program supports the nurse in the school and child care health consultants to provide for the student with diabetes safety and access to learning - they are available to consult with districts at no cost

Program

The Diabetes Resource Nurse program connects school nurses, public health nurses and child care health consultants with expertise in the care of students with Type 1 diabetes throughout Colorado for the purpose of:

- Consulting with school nurses, administrators, & other staff about diabetes related issues to insure optimal care for students with diabetes.
- Assisting with development of individualized health plans & 504 plans.
- Providing resources & in-service education to school and child care staff.
- Helping to trouble shoot individual problems
- Collaborating to provide standardized health services for children with diabetes in the schools and child care settings.

Goal

Healthy children that achieve optimally within a safe school and child care environment.

Diabetes Resource Nurse:

Provides consultation to school nurses and district staff within his/her district of employment or multiple districts within a defined geographic region

Qualifications

- Are registered nurses with school nursing experience.
- Are experienced in the care of children with type 1 and type 2 diabetes.
- Have attended training sessions provided by Colorado healthcare providers and endocrinologists with expertise in managing children with diabetes.
- Trained in the use of *Diabetes Care Tasks at School: What Key Personnel Need to Know* modules for training school personnel prepared by the American Diabetes Association.
- Participates in monthly huddles to collaborate on diabetes care delivery in schools and childcare and learn about emerging technology.