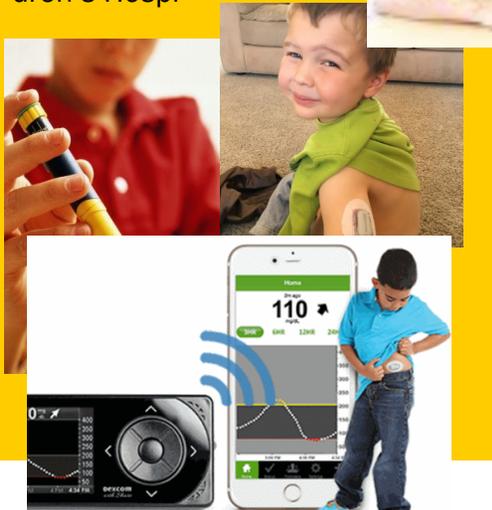


Diabetes Care in Colorado Schools Collaborative

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



Enhancing the care and safety in school for the

Diabetes Resource Nurse Program

Purpose

The incidence of diabetes in school age 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.

School staff must be knowledgeable about diabetes care in order for children with diabetes to be safe in school 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. However, as the complexity of management of the disease increases, additional in-depth and on-going training is needed. The Diabetes Resource Nurse program was established to support the nurse in the school and who are available to consult with districts at no cost to the schools or families.

Program

The Diabetes Resource Nurse program connects school nurses and public health nurses with expertise in the care of students with Type 1 diabetes and districts 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 district staff.
- Helping to trouble shoot individual problems
- Collaborating to provide standardized health services for children with diabetes in the schools.

Goal

Healthy students that achieve optimally within a safe school 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 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.