

School Health Website for Chronic Conditions

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School Health Website Group

- Originally formed in early 2013
- Members from several programs
 - Diabetes Project- DPHHS
 - Nutrition and Physical Activity Program- DPHHS
 - Montana Asthma Control Program- DPHHS
 - MASN
 - MSU Extension
 - Arthritis Foundation
 - OPI
 - The MT Disability and Health Program
 - UM Rural Institute
- Collaboration on website content development and overall direction, mission, and goals of the School Health Website.
- New group leadership in July 2013
- Monthly meetings focused on developing a strong base for the website
- Resource sharing

Why do we need this website?

- No comprehensive site for school health and the wide variety of chronic conditions that affect students.
- Information is spread out on many different organization websites.
- To house trainings (developed and under development) for school staff, nurses, and professionals involved in school health

Website Mission

Increase awareness and understanding of chronic diseases throughout Montana and its educational institutions by providing accurate and up-to-date information on chronic health conditions in Montana schools that can be accessed by a variety of different stakeholders. In addition, provide accredited trainings and educational resources for school nurses, school staff, coaches and other professionals involved in school health to help increase the familiarity with common chronic conditions and to help improve the learning environment for students and staff.

Website Goals

- Provide access to chronic disease self-management education and prevention methods.
- Provide more targeted information to the public to increase use of clinical and other preventative services.
- Provide information about, and easy access to, health policies/laws on school, school district, state, and federal levels.
- Increase the amount of participants having taken online trainings focused on chronic conditions.
- Increase awareness of chronic diseases throughout the state and in its educational institutions.
- Improve the connections between current partners and provide helpful resources to stakeholders and all website visitors.
- The website will be entirely screen-reader accessible and designed to be as web accessible as possible.
- Promote the use of the website to school personnel through conference presentations and other efforts.
- Provide links to valuable resources concerning chronic health issues in and outside of the school setting.

CDC Domain 4:

Strategies to improve community-clinical linkages

- Providing accessible, available, chronic disease self-management education and prevention methods.
 - Trainings
 - General Education Materials
 - Links to other sites and resources
- Effective outreach to the population to increase use of clinical and other preventative services.
 - Laws and Policies
 - Links to other sites and resources

Meeting objectives of the 1305 CDC grant

Collaborate with MASN to develop and provide sub-awards to nurses in 3 LEAs to identify students with chronic disease.

Collaborate with MASN to develop a protocol to refer to proper insurance and community-based medical provider resources. (on activity, diet, and weight-related chronic conditions)

Collaborate with the MT Association of School Nurses (MASN) to develop online/in-person training for nurses on managing students with chronic conditions and referring to community-based medical providers.

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Partner with the MTDH Program to develop materials and an online training specifically addressing the chronic care needs of students with disabilities.

Collaborate with partners to enhance provision of diabetes care between schools, families, and providers through the Kids with Diabetes: School Collaborative.

Provide training at 2 school conferences and make the training available statewide through online school health website.

Website Development

- Site will be housed on mt.gov domain
- Must be completely screen accessible
- Will be tracked using google analytics and other state website tracking tools

Workgroups Tasks:

- Video/Training development kept on track
- Communication with national/state/other organizations- permission to use materials
- Teacher survey about chronic conditions
- Connecting with partners to develop content



Chronic Health Issues

Wellness and Prevention

504 Know Your Rights

Developmental Disabilities

Training/Professional Development

Resources

Search

Mission:

Provide accurate information on chronic health conditions, accredited trainings, and educational resources for Montana's educational institutions and community stakeholders to increase awareness, understanding and

What is Chronic Disease?

Chronic diseases are a wide variety of conditions that usually begin slowly and develop gradually over time. How they are caused and the extent of their impact on the community varies by disease. They are prolonged in duration, do not often resolve spontaneously, and are rarely cured completely. Chronic Disease can impact quality of life and limit daily activities, and require ongoing actions on a long-term basis to manage the disease, with involvement from individuals, health care providers and the community.

News and Updates

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- Grants/Awards/Other Funding Opportunities
- Partner Calendars
- School Nurse Info
- Resources
- Communicable Disease/ Immunizations

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This page is dedicated to providing information on a variety of the most common chronic conditions that affect school children in Montana.

Choose a topic from the list below to find out detailed information about the condition, what relevant programs exist in Montana, and how the condition affects you specifically as an administrator, teacher, coach, school nurse, student, parent/family member, or other professional working in the school setting.

- Asthma
- Arthritis
- Cancer
- Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury
- Developmental Disabilities
- Diabetes
- Food Allergies
- Neurological Disorders
- Obesity
- Other Common Health Issues



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Asthma is a chronic inflammatory disease characterized by episodic symptoms of wheezing, shortness of breath, coughing, and chest tightness. Airflow can become obstructed by way of airway inflammation, muscle tightening around the airways, and possible mucus production. Asthma affected 26 million people in the United States and over 86,000 people in Montana in 2010. Asthma is one of the most common reasons for absences among school aged children



Asthma in Schools Data

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School Related Asthma Info

State Laws

Example Policies and Best Practices

Clean Air Campaigns, Useful tips and tools

Table 6. School health profiles (17), Secondary schools, CDC, Montana, 2010

	US median (range)	Montana
Schools with a full-time registered nurse that provides health services to students at school.	43.9 (4.9 – 99.4)	11.9
Schools that implemented a policy permitting students to carry and self-administer asthma medications by communicating the policy to students, parents, and families, and by designating an individual responsible for implementing the policy	52.5 (21.9 – 69.6)	42.9
Schools that had an asthma action plan on file for all students with known asthma	58.5 (31.0 – 87.6)	40.9
Schools that identified students with poorly-controlled asthma by keeping track of them in at least three different ways	63.9 (40.7 – 75.9)	54.9
Schools that provided intensive case management for students with poorly-controlled asthma at school	25.7 (9.8 – 50.6)	13.7
Schools that required all school staff members to receive annual training on recognizing and responding to severe asthma symptoms	30.8 (11.6 – 65.8)	13.7
Schools that provided parents and families with health information to increase parent and family knowledge of asthma	20.0 (6.6 – 37.3)	17.7



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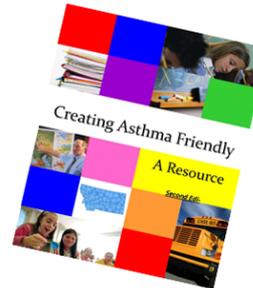
School Related Asthma Programs

School Nurses Mini-Grants: sasdadasdasdasdasdasd

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Asthma Trainings On line and In-Person: adaasdasdasd

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Asthma School Resources

Asthma Control Assessment Resource

Asthma Action Plan

Proper Medication Use

General Asthma Education Videos and Testimonials



Additional Asthma Resources

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Current Stage of Website

- Creating a mock-up of the site
 - Website Developer Consultant
- Workgroup partners communicating with DPHHS IT Department to set up offline website template for content entry.
- Various participating groups are currently developing trainings.

Presenting information on the website

- Diabetes Coalition meeting in April
- MEA Conference- October, 2014
- Promoting the use of the website
 - Flyers
 - Emails to state employees and partners
- Advisory Group Meetings/Coalition Meetings