

IASN Annual Conference

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AGENDA

- **Who are we?**
- **School Safety and the School Nurse**
- **Defining Moments**
- **Rethinking the Role**



Who are we?

SCHOOL BUILDING PHYSICAL SECURITY & SAFETY

- **Student Health Services**
- **Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy**
- **State Attendance Officer**

RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS

- **Certification and Training Program**

- Free to schools and participants
- Ongoing annual training

- **Resource Database**

- Large collection of plans, templates, hazard specific planning tools, and more
- Utilizes Moodle

RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS CONTINUED

- **School Safety Visits and Reviews**
 - Review school safety plans
 - Required elements and leading practices
- **Technical Assistance**
 - Cycle of Information
 - Resource identification
 - Connecting with schools and experts

School Safety and the School Nurse

TRADITIONAL ROLE OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

- **Often siloed away from school safety planning**
- **Consulted on certain, health related, points only**
- **Participate in crisis response**

WHAT WAS **MISSING** IN THIS TRADITIONAL ROLE?

- **Unique knowledge of student concerns and fears**
- **A student health-oriented voice on school safety committees**
- **A better understanding of how the school nurse fits into school public health concerns (even pre-COVID)**
- **An additional trained voice to support all safety planning efforts**

TELL US ABOUT **YOUR ROLE**

**What has been your
role in school safety planning?**

Defining Moments



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ACTS OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE

- **Trauma interventions are now a part of the school toolkit**
 - Stop the Bleed
 - Wound packing
- **Additional training with law enforcement and school on providing care following a critical incident**
 - Triage
 - Trauma Care

PUBLIC HEALTH EVENTS

- **H1N1, COVID-19, Influenza, etc**
- **These events expanded the role of the school nurse as a public health practitioner.**
 - Monitoring, reporting, contact tracing, mitigation strategies, and much more.
- **Added the required skills of mediation and conflict management**
 - As exclusions due to illness need to take place, high conflict can occur.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE

**Was there a moment in which you saw
the role of the school nursing change?**

In what ways?

Rethinking the Role

COLLABORATIVE PLANNING

- **Participate on building and corporation level school safety planning committees**
- **Attend or participate in county school safety commission meetings**
- **If able, attend the Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy; add additional safety skills to support your already unique knowledge.**
- **A nurse's knowledge, skills, and expertise can be applicable to the broad range of school safety planning.**

EVACUATION AND RELOCATION

- **Assisting with meeting the needs of students with disabilities or access or functional needs**
- **First aid kit development for go-bags, necessary equipment, first aid, sanitation, and more.**

MITIGATION

- **See something, say something.**
 - How are nurses incorporated into threat training and reporting?
- **Collaborative planning on responses to potential medical issues at school – routine and extraordinary.**
- **What hazards exist in your buildings? Are you prepared to assist?**

RESPONSE

- **The inclusion of multiple subject matter experts in collaborative planning allows for a more robust response.**
- **Working through planning, mitigation, and more will identify needs for responses.**

TELL US ABOUT WAYS YOU HAVE BEEN INNOVATIVE

**In what innovative ways have you
been included in school safety planning?**

Questions?



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THANK YOU!