



SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM

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Durham County School Nurses support student educational objectives through

Identification and management of chronic and acute illnesses



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Durham County School Nurses support student educational objectives through

- Health Screenings
- Care Coordination



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School Nurses Work in Partnership with

- Durham Public Schools
- Parents and Guardians
- Durham Parks and Recreation
- Community Education



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School Nurses Work in Partnership with

- Alliance Mental Health Services
- Local Health Care Providers
- Welcome Baby
- Prevent Blindness of NC
- Department of Social Services



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Current and Recent School Nurse Activities

- Epinephrine law and school staff training
- Provided health services for Read to Achieve Summer Reading Camp



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Current and Recent School Nurse Activities

- Durham Rescue Mission Back-to-School Backpack Out Reach Project
- Kindergarten Kick Off and Kindergarten Welcome Night
- My Carolina Today TV Program



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School Nurse Services Include

Management of Chronic
Health Conditions



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School Nurse Services Include

- Medication Administration Training
- Diabetic Care Management Training



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School Nurse Services Include

Train School Staff to Perform
Skilled Health Procedures

- Diabetes
- Asthma
- Severe Allergies
- Gastric Feedings



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School Nurse Services Include

Assessment of Illness and Injury



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School Nurse Services Include

Referrals for Physical and Mental
Health Evaluations



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Chronic Health Conditions Increased

- SY2012: 2056
- SY2014: 2787



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Family, Social, and Mental Issues Increased from SY2012-2014

- Mental Health Issues 515-826
- Child Abuse 54- 101



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Pre-K Enrollment Increased

- SY2012 466
- SY2014 616



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Pregnancy Rate Decreased Among Middle and High School Students

- SY2012 174
- SY2014 92



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Medications in School Increased

- SY2012 537
- SY2014 1204



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School Nurses Make the Difference Through Assessment and Referral

- Medical: 9 out of 10 students referred for medical evaluations received care
- Vision: 8 out of 10 students referred for further evaluation received care



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School Nurses provide health services in 3-4 schools each week



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Durham Public Health School Nurse : Student Ratio

- Annual State Report: 1 nurse: 1,200 students
- Durham Public Health: 1 nurse: 1,918 students
- Rational for the difference



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“The 1 nurse for every 750 students is the benchmark goal from all professional organizations including the CDC, nursing, and medical associations. That number is based on average school size and allows every school and student to have access to the full variety of services available from a qualified school nurse.”

