

Comprehensive Sexuality Education Conference



Making the Connection: Creating Partnerships to Develop and Implement Comprehensive Sexuality Education

October 30 & 31, 2007

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Water's Edge, Westbrook

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Department of Education, and the
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This conference is intended to help school and community partners work together to improve the health and learning of Connecticut's children. Research clearly shows that healthy children learn better. Schools can play a powerful and proactive role in addressing critical health issues to improve both children's health and academic performance. Making the Connection will provide participants with strategies and resources to improve student achievement by focusing on comprehensive sexuality education and healthy behaviors.

SPEAKERS

Diane Aye, Ph.D., is an Epidemiologist and the coordinator for the Survey Unit within the State Department of Public Health. She coordinates the administration, analysis and reporting of data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and the Connecticut School Health Survey.

Donna Heins, RN, MPH, CHES has more than 30 years experience working as a nurse in multiple health care settings. She currently serves as the state appointed Adolescent Health Coordinator and provides program management for the state-funded School Based Health Center Program (SBHC) at the State Department of Public Health.

Myriam Hernandez Jennings, MA is a Program Director at JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc, where she oversees and manages two regional training programs. One is for the federally-funded family planning clinics in New England, and the other is the JSI/CDC New England Training Center for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention.

James Horton has recently retired after spending thirty-three years as a Health Education teacher and coordinator in Connecticut public schools. Currently, Jim is the Program Facilitator for the Connecticut State Department of Education Pregnancy, HIV and STD Prevention Cadre of Trainers.

Mary Martha Wilson, MA, is the Director of Training and Technical Assistance at Healthy Teen Network in Washington, DC, a national membership organization serving adolescent reproductive health professionals, educators, researchers and others invested in our young people. Since 1977, she has provided assistance in over 200 communities in both Canada and the U.S. to strengthen programs and organizations to meet needs of young people, funders, parents, and other stakeholders.

Bonnie J. Edmondson, Ed.D. is the HIV Prevention Coordinator and Comprehensive School Health Consultant for the Connecticut State Department of Education. She is responsible for curriculum development, policy development, and providing consultation and technical assistance to local school districts in comprehensive school health education and wellness issues.

Cheryl Resha, Ed.D., is the Health Promotion and Health Services Consultant for the Connecticut State Department of Education. She provides leadership and technical assistance to schools regarding school health and school nursing services through policy development and the provision of professional development and other initiatives to improve the health and learning of all students.

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860-399-5901

Fee: \$50.00

Course #: 07 253 072

CEUs: 1.0



The following continuing education credits will be available pending approval: Nursing, Physician Assistant, Social Worker and Certified Health Education Specialist.

Who Should Attend?

Districts are encouraged to send school teams consisting of the appropriate members of the district's wellness team. Each team member must register separately. Members may include: health educators, school administrators, nurses, board of education members, community-based partners, school-based mental health providers, school-based health clinic staff, parent/teacher organizations, school medical advisors, local health department and youth service bureau personnel staff.

AGENDA

Day One - October 30

8:30 a.m. Welcome
George A. Coleman, Deputy Commissioner of Education and **J. Robert Galvin, M.D.**, Commissioner of Public Health (invited)

- *Connecticut School Health Survey:* Using data to support and inform programs and services
- Characteristics of Effective Sexuality Education Programs

12 – 1 p.m. Networking Lunch

1 – 3:30 p.m.... Introduction to the new national resource: *Tool to Assess the Characteristics of Effective Sex and STD/ HIV Education Programs*

Day Two - October 31

8:30 a.m. Welcome

- Presentation of State Resources: *Connecticut's Adolescent Health Plan, State Department of Education Comprehensive Plan, Healthy and Balanced Living Curriculum Framework, Guidelines for a Coordinated Approach to School Health*
- Team Action Planning
- Professional Development Opportunities: Connecticut Coordinated Cadre of Trainers Programs

12 – 1 p.m. Networking Lunch

1 – 3:30 p.m.... Panel Presentation: Sexuality education/ teen pregnancy prevention programs

- Team action planning
- Next steps, evaluation, adjournment



As a result of participating in this conference, attendees will be able to:

- Discuss the characteristics of an effective teen pregnancy, HIV/STD prevention program, and identify state and national medically-accurate, developmentally appropriate educational strategies, resources and materials;
- Analyze current data sources that inform comprehensive sexuality education;
- Describe a coordinated school health approach and outline how it relates to comprehensive sexuality education;
- Increase awareness of collaborative efforts between SDE, DPH and other federal, state and local organizations to achieve health goals for children and youth;
- Identify the 21 Critical Health Objectives for Adolescents and the priority issues and strategies outlined in the State Adolescent Health Strategic Plan; especially those that are related to reproductive health;
- Discuss successes and challenges associated with new and existing school and community collaborations to promote healthy sexuality; and
- Develop networking opportunities with other attendees for future teen pregnancy and HIV/ STD prevention work.



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