

"Individually, we are one drop.
Together, we are an ocean."

-Ryunosuke Satoro



School Nurse's Best Practices

- Identification of student population; review Welligent report.
- Educate and collaborate with school staff; administrators and custodians
- Visit classrooms to identify potential asthma triggers
 - “Tools for schools
- Assist with obtaining consents and distribution of literature
- Host an assembly or parent meeting with clinic providers in educating and raising awareness about asthma.
- Increase awareness and protect students on high pollution days.
- Identify the uninsured population and refer to Healthy Start to enroll in Covered California and refer to Wellness Center as their medical home.

Successful Strategies for Building Strong Partnerships

- Establish and maintain clear expectations and agreements (OA/MOU/Grants)
- Integrative approach in working across systems; PSA, Healthy Start, PSW, School Nurses and Clinic staff
- Goals and visions of the clinic should align with educational goals and visions of school site.
- Student Advocacy
- Communication is critical
- Identification of student population
- Team building – “Not us versus them”

Successful Strategies for Success: what works....



- Supportive school community
 - Supportive school administration staff
 - Wellness Center is readily accessible to population served.
 - Confidentiality for adolescents is preserved.
 - Quality assurance processes are in place with ongoing modifications
 - Foster youth advocacy and /or parent leadership

Challenges: Partnerships



- **Operational Logistics**
 - Hours of operations
 - Policies & Procedures
 - Staffing
- **Criteria for student referrals**
 - Pre-consents
 - Dissemination of Information
- **Communication**
- **Concepts of “Medical Home”**
- **Coordinating / balancing health & education priorities in a school setting**
- **Sustainability**

Model of collaboration



“When you do this work you become part of the community and they know who you are and that you are willing to be apart of them.

Then we can all work together-teachers, neighbors, senior citizens, businesses, and everyone else- to really leave no child behind.”

Lourdes Vazquez

Martin Luther King Elementary