

# Engaging School Nurses and Health Educators

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# Students want more information about HPV and the vaccine

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- How can you HPV?
- How can I be screened?
- What is the cost for the vaccine?
- What about parent involvement/consent?
- How safe is the vaccine?

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# School Nurses and Health Educators have the answers!

# What our SBHC Partners Tell Us

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- HPV vaccine is a primary focus
- Parents increasingly receptive
- Students not always as receptive
- Trust is perceived as a factor in parent receptiveness but can be established over time.
- Completion of all 3 doses is difficult but frequent reminders help.
- Large # of vaccines at one visit can be discouraging
- Lack of mandate impacts receptiveness.
- School nurse support/encouragement makes a difference

# Factors that may influence likelihood School Nurse will promote HPV vaccine

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- National Poll: 69% promote HPV vaccine; 10% administer HPV vaccine on campus
- High School Nurses more likely than any other grade level to promote
- Receptive to education on the subject of HPV
- Limited capacity/time: Primary energy directed toward required vaccines
- May be unsure of district position/policy
- Controversy about the vaccine and sex

# Intersect between Curriculum and Health Services

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- Health education is within scope of practice for both Health Educator and Nurse
- Peer collaboration can be supportive
- Seek grant funding collaboratively
- Exchange information, ideas and data!

# Role of the School Nurse as Health Educator

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- Utilize varied opportunities in the school setting to educate
- Individual
  - Reinforce teaching by the provider
  - Address knowledge deficit with student, parent one –on-one
- Groups
  - Parents, peers, educators and community at meetings
  - Facilitate by inviting a speaker

# School Nurse and Health and Health Educators as Advocates

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- Use knowledge, passion and skills to be proactive in making system changes
- Engage with legislators and others who influence curriculum development
- Understand role of School Health Advisory Council
- Meet with other departmental staff to examine possibilities for collaboration



# Opportunities

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- Develop district level documents, electronic messaging for parent communication
- Collaborative education opportunities for school nurse/health educator
- Incorporate into electronic health record
- Partner with
  - Community/mobile vaccine providers
  - school –based clinic partners
- School-located vaccine clinics
  - Administered by school nurse or partner

# Thank you

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