

# SCHOOL NURSES ORGANIZATION OF ARIZONA

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear SNOA Members and health staff,

As our first semester is winding down, PLEASE take time to reflect on all of your accomplishments. Getting through some crazy busy months is an accomplishment alone! How many students and families did you help by going above and beyond? How many teachers did you support as you did your best to help a student stay in class? How many moments of happiness did you feel when you realized you made a connection with a student and that YOU are their caring adult on campus? There are so many little accomplishments and rewards that we can sometimes lose site of because louder noises can get in the way. Please hear those little sounds that can add up to some decent job satisfaction and general happiness.

Speaking of job satisfaction, I had the pleasure of attending the Arizona School Nurse Access Program's (ASAP) fall conference mid-November. It was extremely well done, interesting, and inspiring. It was about finding your inner leader and helping you realize that you are all leaders in your field. Get out there and don't be afraid to show it! Have a great holiday season, all!

Lisa Alexander, BSN, RN, NCSN



Arizona's School Surveillance Medication Program offers FREE online food allergy training and EpiPen's to schools

"Twenty-five percent of children have a first food allergy reaction at school," said Lisa Cohen, Founder and CEO of the Kyah Rayne Foundation. "The biggest barriers keeping schools from obtaining these simple, life-saving devices are: training and certification, and cost. We've effectively solved these challenges with this new program. Where there is food, there are food allergies. Help your school be safe with this life-saving medication that children with severe allergies depend on".

Kyah's EpiCourse is promoted by the Arizona Department of Public Health and available to all public, private and charter schools in the state. Schools that want to access the EAls will need to take a training course, developed by KRF, which will earn them the SSMP certification in accordance with state laws.  
<https://www.kyahraynefoundation.org/trainings>



## RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT



**THE 988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE PROVIDES FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TO PEOPLE IN SUICIDAL CRISIS OR EMOTIONAL DISTRESS 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. DIAL 988**

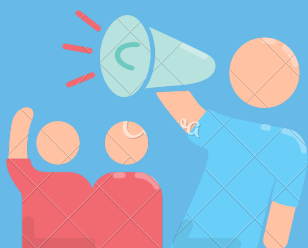
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## Advocacy and Legislation

- [NASN Advocay Tools](#)



## RECRUITING

If you are not yet a National Association of School Nurses (NASN) member, consider joining! The perks are endless. There are message boards to speak to colleagues on a national level, a learning center, access to vision vouchers for families in need, discounted prices on books, included membership into SNOA, and so much more!



## Ask SNOA

Dear SNOA,

If a nurse delegates a task to an unlicensed personnel (UAP) and the UAP makes an error is the nurse liable?

“If the delegating nurse followed all the acceptable practices of delegation ... and has documentation of those practices, the school nurse would have a defense for any allegations of improper delegation and supervision. If, however, the school nurse did not conduct a comprehensive assessment, provide adequate training, supervision, evaluation and documentation, both the school nurse and the delegatee would be responsible for the error (NCSBN & ANA).” (Resha, 2023, p 42)

Lacety K., Pendergast, K., Resha, C (2023) *Process of Delegation in the School Setting*. Resha & Talliaferro, Eds, Legal Resources For School Health Services, pp 37-51. SchoolNursing.com

Have a burning question to ask SNOA? Email us!



**Interested in serving on a committee? The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) has multiple committees to choose from. Get active!**

- \*Data Committee
- \*Care plan/Action Plan Committee
- \*School Nurse Leadership Committee
- \*Professional Development committee

Check out the ADE website for more information:

<https://www.azed.gov/wellness/school-nursing-and-health-services#Virtual%20Coffee%20Chats>

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Save The Date  
for the 2024  
SNOA  
Conference  
June 10 and 11 at  
the Desert  
Willow  
Conference  
Center in  
Phoenix.



The SNOA board is seeking feedback on what you would like to see added/changed on our website. We would like feedback from YOU on how we can best serve you and the school nurse community. Please take two minutes to fill out this short [survey](#).

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- SafeTALK Suicide Prevention Training, February 28, April 24, or May 22, 2024. [LINK](#)
- UCONN Health is offering virtual training for the Child Anxiety Learning Modules (CALM). See more at this [LINK](#).
- The Journal of School Nursing (JOSN) is published monthly by the National Association of School Nurses (NASN). The journal is free for NASN members. Their August podcast is available [HERE](#), and discusses school nurse workload and student health outcomes.
- Camp Not-A-Wheeze opened up its volunteer applications, available [HERE](#). They serve as a refuge for children with chronic lung and allergic conditions and are looking for medical volunteers to assist with medication administration and camper assessments.
- Substance Use Trends and Reporting - View Webinar. [LINK](#)
- Browse the [School Nursing and Health Services](#) webpage, developed by the Arizona Department of Education. A wealth of tools, knowledge, and events are posted on the site.
- Save The Date: 2024 Annual Immunization Conference, April 23-34, 2024 at the Mesa Convention Center [LINK](#)
- Opportunity to Inform ADHS Disordered Eating Prevention Training. Please take 5 minutes to complete this short survey to help ADHS ensure the training is valuable and well-attended. The information you share will be used to inform training offerings, including speaker and topic selection. We appreciate your time and your important role with Arizona's teens. Thank you! Please take 5 minutes to complete this short [survey](#) to help ADHS. The survey will remain open through December 15, 2023.

ALERT FOR OMNIPOD USERS:

[https://www.theregister.com/2023/12/05/insulin\\_delivery\\_app\\_bug/?td=rt-3a](https://www.theregister.com/2023/12/05/insulin_delivery_app_bug/?td=rt-3a)

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## POSITIVE VIBES



Thank you to all who attended the 2023 School Nurse Lean Into Leadership Conference. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect and learn from each other. Leadership is not limited to titles. We are all leaders bringing our unique set of skills, expertise and strengths to problem solve and influence positive change in our organization and community. Together we are strong!

## LEARN

- School ADE nurse huddles are the third Wednesday of every month at 2 pm. Next huddle is:
- 12/20

## SCHOOL NURSE OR HEALTH ASSISTANT PRAISE!

DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU WANT TO SHINE A LIGHT ON SO WE CAN ALL SEE HOW AMAZING THEY ARE? EMAIL ANY SNOA BOARD MEMBER WITH THEIR NAME, WHERE THEY WORK, A LITTLE BLURB ABOUT WHY THEY ARE AMAZING, AND A PICTURE, IF POSSIBLE. WE WOULD LOVE TO SHOW OFF ARIZONA'S FINEST!

Thank  
You!

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