

SCHOOL NURSES ORGANIZATION OF ARIZONA

(SNOA)

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear SNOA Members and health staff,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I hope things are starting to settle for you, as we all know opening a school year is insanely busy.

I am extremely excited to start this new role as the School Nurses Organization of Arizona president. Following Nadine Miller is no easy task. The shoes to fill are quite large but my passion for our profession is just as big! I will be president for two years and then Rachel Muth, president elect, will move into my spot. Rachel and I plus the entire SNOA board are excited to start this new chapter together.

My personal purpose for being on the SNOA board is to serve you and to work to advance state support for school nursing. Baby steps forward are still steps forward and I will stay committed to getting our voices heard. Please reach out to me or any of our awesome board members as needed as we are here to support you through your challenges and successes. Please visit snoa.org for more information and helpful resources!

ARIZONA SCHOOL NURSE NEWS

- The 2023-2024 Immunization Data Report (IDR) is now open. Go to apps.azdhs.gov/IDR to login and complete your survey. The report is due by November 15th.
- In April 2022 Seizure Safe Schools legislation was passed. The law requires that at least two people on a school campus be trained in providing first aid to an individual having a seizure. One of the trained individuals must be someone other than the school nurse or health assistant.



As the SNOA board transitions we are hoping to change and refresh the website in the coming months. 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](#).

TRENDING

- New board members have been elected and we are happy to have:
- Lisa Alexander
- McKenzie Bevirt
- Rachel Muth
- Rachel Howard
- Take a look at our website, we have rearranged and added information!

RECRUITING

- Conference committee volunteers! If you would like to be involved with the planning of our next annual conference, please email Lisa Alexander at Liaalexander@pusd11.net

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2023 ASAP SCHOOL NURSE CONVENTION

Lean Into Leadership



Dinner: Friday, November 17
Conference: Saturday,
November 18- Sunday,
November 19, 2023



Crowne Plaza Phoenix-
Chandler
One S San Marcos Place
Chandler, AZ 85225

Activities will take place over three days - attend all three days or choose the activities that are right for you!

LEARN MORE & REGISTER AT

WWW.AZNURSE.ORG/SCHOOLNURSECONVENTION



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- The **Arizona Partnership for Immunization (TAPI)** is offering "10 Things School Nurses and Health Office Staff Need to Know About Why We Immunize." Register [HERE](#).
- 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.
- The **2023 Mental Health Matters Arizona** conference takes place on September 30th, 2023. Sessions are in-person and virtual. Register [HERE](#).
- **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.
- Join **Arizona School Based Health Alliance (AzSBHA)** on October 18th to discuss how schools and healthcare agencies can collaborate to reduce absenteeism. More info [HERE](#).
- 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.
- The Arizona Asthma Coalition is bringing their annual conference to school nurses on September 30th. Register for the **17th Annual Wheezing and Sneezing in the Desert**.
- **Mental Health Matters Arizona Conference** September 30th, CEU's are available!
- **Emergency Preparedness: Practical Applications for School Nurses** webinar takes place on October 19th.

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LEARN

- School nurse huddles are the third Wednesday of every month at 2 pm. Next huddles are:
 - 10/18, 11/15, 12/20
 - "Keys to Success in School Nursing."

EXPLORE

- Every Student Counts! Promote school nursing in Arizona by submitting data for your school or school district. Please see the attached [letter](#). Data submission is due by October 15th. You are allowed to submit in sections, or when you have time.

POSITIVE VIBES

- "It was a busy morning and sure enough my garage door would not open. I had a broken spring and tension wire. I was able to get someone to fix the garage door that morning. During my conversation with the repairman, he found out I was a school nurse. He told me he was a heart transplant recipient and his life was saved by his middle school nurse. He was having chest pains and she was the only one who believed his symptoms. He was eventually diagnosed with idiopathic hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. It is nice to be reminded that we truly do make an impact on the lives of these students!"

Thank
YOU!

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