



President's Note

Dear SNOA Members,

Happy New Year! As we welcome 2023, it will be more challenging as families and communities are needing more support from schools for their physical (food and housing), nursing services (dental and medical) as well as the emotional and educational support. This is an important role of the school nurse to collaborate with other school personnel (counselors, social workers, psychologists) to support our families.

We sent out our SNOA ballot this year to all SNOA/NASN members, with very limited response. It is important that we have a strong SNOA board to provide leadership to our Arizona School Nurses. Many of the board members, including myself, have been in this role for more years than our bylaws suggest. It is important that these roles be filled with school nurses that have a passion and willingness to lead. If I can assist in answering questions about the SNOA board requirements, please reach out to any of the board members. We need you to have your voice heard and support our schools.



Nadine Miller
SNOA President

Upcoming Events

February 9

[TAPI "Immunization" Training](#)

February 11th

[14th ANNUAL UA PPC School Healthcare Training Event](#)

February 15th

[School Nurse Huddle](#)

June 2023



[June 12 & 13th 2023, School Nurses Organization of Arizona \(SNOA\) Conference](#)

[School Nurses Organization of Arizona](#)

<http://www.snoa.org/index.php>

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Legislative updates

Introduced Bills: <https://www.azleg.gov/bills/>

2022 Arizona Legislative Session Summary: [Policy Development and Government Relations with ADE](#)

National: NASN's 2023 Legislative Priorities

"NASN has released its 2023 priorities, [focusing on the Nurses for Under-Resourced Schools Everywhere \(NURSE\) Act, the One School, One Nurse Act, and the Grow SISPs Act \(growing, recruiting, and obtaining workers in specialized instructional support personnel services\).](#)" <https://www.nasn.org/blogs/nasn-inc/2023/01/04/nasns-2023-legislative-priorities>

2023 Legislative Priorities

The National Association of School Nurses (NASN) urges Congress to pass the Nurses for Under-Resourced Schools Everywhere Act (NURSE) Act, which would recognize the critical role of school nurses in providing students access to quality health care so that they are healthy, safe, and ready to learn. The Nurses for Under-Resourced Schools Everywhere Act (NURSE) Act was introduced by Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) and Representative Dina Titus (DNV).

The National Association of School Nurses (NASN) urges Congress to pass the One School, One Nurse Act that would work to enable that every public school had a full-time registered nurse on staff so that children are safe, healthy, and ready to learn. The One School, One Nurse Act was introduced by Representative Frederica Wilson (D-FL) and Jamaal Bowman (D-NY).

The National Association of School Nurses (NASN) urges Congress to pass the Grow SISPs ACT (Growing, Recruiting, and Obtaining Workers in Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Services) that will create a grant program at the Department of Education to increase partnerships between school districts and colleges to train and certify various Specialized Instruction Support Personnel programs (SISPs) to better serve rural and lower income school districts. The Grow SISPs Act was introduced by Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Susan Wild (D-PA).

<https://www.nasn.org/advocacy/advocacy-priorities-outreach>

Arizona School Nurses,

The ASAP is offering a new Program - T2P (Transition to Practice). Here is a brief synopsis. The link to apply will be live on our website (<https://www.aznurse.org/mpage/ASAP1>) under Transition to Practice Program, on Tuesday, November 1. If you are comfortable sharing this in the newsletter, I would appreciate it.

The Arizona School Nurse Access Program (ASAP) School Nurse Transition to Practice (T2P) Program will support at least 20 Arizona school nurses hired within the past year and are new to school nursing by providing additional school nurse competency-based courses beyond a school health office orientation provided by the school/school district, a mentor for a year and ongoing support from school nurse experts through meetings and an online communication platform for T2P school nurses. School nursing is a nationally recognized nursing specialty, and competency-based coursework in this specialty area will guide the new school nurse in optimizing the health of school aged children while also creating a supportive environment to increase school nurse retention.

The T2P Program will enroll 20 Arizona school nurses in the spring semester 2023. The program consists of online school nurse coursework through the Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) and a mentor pairing for each T2P Program enrollee. The T2P school nurses will be assigned an incumbent Arizona school nurse mentor for one year. The T2P school nurse will be required to maintain open communication with their school nurse mentor and to attend monthly support meetings with ASAP staff and their school nurse mentor.

When enrolled in the T2P Program, the ASAP will cover the cost of registering for the MCCCD School Nurse Coursework. The T2P Program will cover the cost of membership to the American Nurses Association (ANA)/Arizona Nurses Association (AzNA) and the National Association of School Nurses (NASN)/School Nurse Organization of Arizona (SNOA) for one year.

Please reach out to sarah@azffn.org with any questions

School Nursing Celebrates 120th Anniversary!

In 1902, Henry Street Settlement influenced the New York City Board of Education to pay the salary of Lina L. Rogers, the first public school nurse. Her success prompted the Board of Education to appoint nurses in schools. Henry Street Settlement and NASN collaborated to celebrate this milestone. [Read the blog post.](#)



Frequently asked questions/topics

Licensing, Certification, Delegation:

[Arizona Board of Nursing School Nurse FAQ's](#)

Arizona Board of Nursing [Nurse Practice Act](#)

[Guidelines for the Delivery of Specialized Health Care in the School Setting](#)

School Nurse 'In the News'

[The State of the Nation's Nursing Shortage](#)

[Nurses Still Viewed as Most Ethical Professionals](#)

Medical Trials:

[Could your Child be at risk for Dyslexia?](#)

Who: Parent or Caregiver of a 6-year-old child

What: Seeking 6-year-old children and their parents for a research study to screen for reading difficulties!

The study will take 1.5-2 hours of your time and requires access to a computer, laptop, smart phone, or tablet with camera and internet access. Can be English or Spanish speaking in the home.

When: The trial has an end date of August 3, 2023

Click on the link above for more information and access to the QR code or call (760)903-4885

Programs to explore

[AzFFN, Arizona Foundation for The Future of Nursing](#)

[Fallen Nurses Tribute](#)

[RNconnect](#)

[Arizona School Nurse Program \(ASAP\)](#)

[Arizona School Nurse Lifetime Service Award](#)

[Mentorship](#)

[National Certified School Nurse \(NCSN\)](#)

