

Welcome back to 2016. Winter is definitely here in Madison.

First, please reserve **Thursday, February 25, 2016** from **3-3:45 pm** for a webinar on Grant Data Collection for the 2015-16 school year. I need the one school nurse responsible for the grant in each district to be on this webinar. A link with the invitation will be sent next week.

I've added the link to the 12/9/2015 Navigating the New and Improved eSchoolCare [webinar](http://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/pupil-services/school-nurse/wellness-improves-learning-for-youth/chronic-illness-management) to the web page <http://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/pupil-services/school-nurse/wellness-improves-learning-for-youth/chronic-illness-management>

Mark your calendars for the 2016 WASN conference from April 13-15 here in Madison at the Monona Terrace Convention Center. Conference brochures and registration materials will be available in early 2016. As in previous years, I am hopeful that at least one nurse from each grant district is able to attend. I can provide financial assistance in the form of conference registration reimbursement if you need that to attend. Please check with me before you register to request reimbursement.

Below is some really interesting information about Connecting Kids to Coverage. Making sure that all eligible children have access to federal, state and local health insurance programs is one of the grant performance measures. Please let me know how I can help you achieve this.

Research Round-Up: Children with Medicaid or CHIP Get More Preventive Care than Those with Private Insurance

According to a [national survey](#) conducted by David M. Rubin, M.D., M.S.C.E., of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, children insured by Medicaid or CHIP were more likely to get preventive medical and dental care than privately insured children. The study compared access and use of health care for children in households with low to moderate incomes as reported by caregivers. Results were derived by analyzing data from the National Survey of Children's Health (2003, 2007 and 2011-12) to compare access to care for children with Medicaid, CHIP, and private insurance and for those who were uninsured.

Key findings from the survey:

- 88 percent of children covered by Medicaid or CHIP had a preventive medical visit compared with 83 percent of privately insured children.
- 80 percent of children covered by Medicaid and 77 percent covered by CHIP had a preventive dental visit compared with 73 percent of privately insured children.
- Caregivers of privately insured children were more likely to experience out-of-pocket costs (77 percent) than caregivers of children insured by Medicaid (26 percent) or CHIP (38 percent).
- Children covered by Medicaid and CHIP (78 percent) were more likely to have insurance that always met their needs than were privately insured children (73 percent).

This survey validates the importance of enrolling uninsured children in Medicaid and CHIP to ensure they not only have access to quality healthcare, but are getting the preventive services they need. This also demonstrates that Medicaid and CHIP can help protect families' finances.

Use your social media platforms, like Twitter and Facebook, to share this revealing data with your community stakeholders. Refer to these data during community presentations and media interviews to emphasize how beneficial Medicaid and CHIP are to both eligible children and their families.

The Connecting Kids to Coverage National Campaign Notes eNewsletter is distributed throughout the year and provides updates on National Campaign activities. If a friend or colleague forwarded this email to you, [sign up](#) to receive this eNewsletter directly to your inbox.



Links to Healthy Schools Resources

e-Learning Series: Training Tools for Healthy Schools—Promoting Health and Academic Success

[CDC's Healthy Schools program](#) is pleased to announce the launch of the **e-Learning Series for *Training Tools for Healthy Schools: Promoting Health and Academic Success (TTHS)***. Three TTTHS tools were converted to online modules to provide users with:

- Easier and more flexible access to these valuable resources
- Robust *Go Further* sections with additional information and resources
- Tailored learning experience through self-directed modules ranging from 1 – 1.5 hours
- Continuing education credits (CEU) and certificate of completion

Training Tools for Healthy Schools E-Learning Series

- School Health Guidelines to Promote Healthy Eating and Physical Activity
<http://www.ora.gov/dph/shg/page01.html>
- School Health Index: A Self-Assessment and Planning Guide
<http://www.ora.gov/dph/shi/page01.html>
- Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program: A Guide for Schools
<http://www.ora.gov/dph/cspap/page01.html>