



LEARNS Project

Lions Empowering and Aiding Regional Nurses in Schools

Application for participating in the LEARNS joint project with the Virginia Diabetes Council Diabetes in Schools Committee, the Lions Clubs District 24-L, and the Virginia Dept. of Education.

Background: The Virginia Diabetes Council (VDC) members working with the Lions Clubs District 24-L identified a need for diabetes education resources within the school system. Proper care of students with Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes entrusted to the care of school personnel is essential.

Mission: To provide a source of sustained funding and ongoing support to all Virginia school divisions in order to provide standardized and equitable professional development for school staff in the management of care for students with diabetes.

Vision: Facilitating standardized and purposeful diabetes education of school staff members responsible for managing care of students with diabetes.

Overview of Goals:

- To provide a comprehensive diabetes training program is to provide a safe school environment for students with diabetes where they can fully participate in the school experience.
- To ensure the safety of every child with diabetes in every school system across the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- To eliminate disparities and provide equal education, support, and access in all school districts.
- Provide standardized up-to-date training in a constantly evolving field.
- Provide curriculum on: healthy lifestyle recommendations, glucose meters, carbohydrate counting, insulin pumps, continuous glucose monitors, medications, emergency situations, and preventing complications.
- Confidently implement the Diabetes Medical Management Plan (DMMP) from the child's healthcare provider.

Plan: The successful project from the 2019-21 school years has enabled us to continue to seek ongoing participation for the next three years.

- Administered by Lions District 24L and the VDC.
- Utilizes Salus Education's *Diabetes Care at School: Bridging the Gap*.
- Ongoing training program using a self-paced e-learning program throughout the school year.
- License for each campus to use for an unlimited number of staff from July 1 2021– June 30, 2022.
- Outcome measures including: usage, staff satisfaction, and completion rates monitored by the VDC Diabetes in School Committee and shared with School Districts.

Access to *Diabetes Care at School: Bridging the Gap* includes 3 levels of training

- Training for Non-Medical Personnel (UDCA) & Diabetes Awareness Training.
- Technology (Insulin Pump and Continuous Glucose Monitoring).
- Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) -ANCC approved 6.0 hours, new CEU'S available 2021-22.

Invitation: The LEARNS Project team encourages each school division to participate in this project.

Attached: LEARNS Spreadsheet

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References: SalusEducation.com ; LEARNS Project – Virginia Diabetes Council