A Program for School Nurses

Effective management of school emergencies where there are mass casualties requires careful planning, preparation, and training to maximize effectiveness under less than optimal conditions. The school nurse coordinates the collection of information from a variety of sources to develop emergency disaster response plans which requires coordination with school administrators, staff, health care providers, and other community first-responders.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of this presentation, school nurses will be able to:

1. Describe the importance of preventative training for disaster planning, organizing, training, equipping, exercising and evaluating and taking corrective action prior to a school Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) event.
2. Lists skills and characteristics a school nurse would need to be an effective leader in mass casualty response in schools.
3. Apply knowledge to develop basic disaster prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery plans for health service providers in schools.
4. Identify issues unique to the school setting that can impact the sustainability and effectiveness of disaster preparedness measures.
5. Discuss regional considerations related to disaster preparedness training with local and national resources.
6. Demonstrate how to use the START/JumpSTART algorithms to perform mass casualty triage.
7. Identify and list the principles and methods used to perform triage and response to school-based MCI events.
8. Identify strategies to engage school Emergency/Disaster Preparedness Team volunteers and administrative support.
9. Describe how the Framework for 21st Century School Nursing Practice ™ is applicable to Emergency/Disaster Preparedness.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

5.25 CNE Contact Hours - awarded for attending the full program and completing an evaluation.

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