

Safe at school program: Assuring access and advocacy for children with type 1 diabetes

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ABSTRACT: Students with diabetes having access to care they need in schools both private and public was identified as an area needing support in Oregon. In 1997 an innovative partnership and mutual belief in creating a safe school environment connected community health nurses with the American Diabetes Association to create the Safe at School Program (Formerly KIDS program). Reaching 717 individuals and 105 locations in 2015, the SAS program brings together physicians, clinic nurses and dietitians, school nurses, state school representatives, community health nurses and Oregon Public Health glucagon resources as well as advocacy personnel to assure a safe environment in schools and daycare centers in Oregon for children with diabetes. How this program was planned, developed and continues supported will be discussed as well as looking to the future with diabetes technology support and changes in diabetes management in schools addressed. Interactions with school health laws and how problems are resolved will be discussed as well as program evaluation.

OBJECTIVE(S):

- Identify three barriers to safe management in schools which children with diabetes sometimes face
- Explain how an interdisciplinary model can work in rural and urban communities in Oregon to achieve safety for children in schools and day care centers with diabetes

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