

# School Health Collaborative at Children's National 2017-2018 Achievements



*We envision Children's National as a school-friendly health care system designed to help all children reach optimal health and achieve their fullest academic potential. Education is a critical social determinant of health for children and impacts long-term health and economic outcomes.*

Child Health Advocacy  
Institute

Part of the Children's National Health System

The Child Health Advocacy Institute convenes a School Health Collaborative open to all Children's National employees interested in school health. The collaborative's creation was a key recommendation from the 2017 Children's National School-Based Health Programs Report\*

**School Health Collaborative Goals:** Learn about regional school-based efforts and identify areas for collaboration and strategic growth

**Strategic Priorities:** Advocacy/Policy Change, Community Partnership and Engagement, Program Collaboration/Networking

## Membership

### 6 Meetings To Date

115+ staff engaged with an average of 29 staff at each meeting  
Children's School Services and School-Based Health Centers staff, health educators, researchers, clinical staff, trainees, and more

97.5% found meetings helpful

91% learned something they can apply to their practices

83% met someone new who they could potentially collaborate with on a school health activity

## Learning Sessions

### 15 Speakers

Program spotlights & training topics  
School health legislation, regional school-based health centers, nursing care coordination, school-based research, health education and literacy, mental health

### Aligns with the 4 Community Health Needs Assessment Priorities

1. Care Coordination
2. Health Literacy
3. Place-Based Care
4. Mental Health

### 2 Tip Sheets

1. The Roles of School Based Health Centers in Improving School Health
2. Engaging Schools and Families in School-Based Research

## Strategic Planning

### School-Friendly Health Care System

Developed a vision statement and draft guiding principles

### School Health Curricula

Conducted community focus groups on developing a school health curricula for health professionals and trainees

### School Health Symposium Planning

Designed full-day conference bringing together education and health sectors

## School Engagement

### Speakers' Bureau

23 staff equipped to provide lectures or trainings for students, parents, teachers, staff, or other community members on more than a dozen subject areas such as asthma management, sports medicine and sexual health education

### Center for Health and Health Care in Schools

Providing consultative support to the Collaborative on partnership engagement, evaluation, program sustainability

## Testimonies

*"I liked bringing together all stakeholders to collaborate, learn and work toward a common goal. It's an exciting and important mission!"*

Margie Farrar-Simpson, Manager of Ambulatory Services and lead of My Health GPS at Children's National

*"The effort you have all put into coordinating the many resources and health professionals working with the local schools has been terrific - thank you!"*

Michele Mietus-Snyder, Cardiologist and lead of KiPOW! (Kid Power) school wellness program