School nursing, a specialized practice of public health nursing, protects and promotes student health, facilitates normal development, and advances academic success. School nurses, grounded in ethical and evidence-based practice, are the leaders that bridge health care and education, provide care coordination, advocate for quality student-centered care, and collaborate to design systems that allow individuals and communities to develop their full potentials. Approved by the NASN Board of Directors June 2016.
The 2017 NCAPM website is live and brimming with resources! The English/Spanish activity calendars outline ways that parents, programs, and community partners can build hope during April by engaging in activities related to the six protective factors (listed across the top of calendars). On April 5, 2017, at 1:00-1:30 p.m. CDT, the Children’s Bureau, Office on Child Abuse & Neglect (CB/OCAN) will host the third Digital Dialogue in a series of six to support NCAPM.

Everyone can help stop youth violence before it starts. Effective prevention strategies promote awareness of youth violence as a public health problem that can be prevented. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers numerous resources, including the Youth Violence Prevention Technical Package. Refer to the Appendix on pages 60-61 for the six evidence-based strategies and associated approaches for preventing youth violence.
Dear Georgia School Nurses,

Greetings! I hope you received your Save the Date Card for the 25th annual GASN conference this summer June 19th-21st, 2017 at the lovely Savannah Riverfront Hyatt! We are all very excited and have a great line-up of speakers and exhibitors. Please click the hyperlink above to get more information and register!

You will meet new “School Nurse” friends and enjoy talking with school nurses that have been in the field for 25+ years. All of us “seasoned” School Nurses know how much we have to rely on each other to work in this very specialized profession of School Health. You don’t have to do it alone!

This brings me to a few of the reasons why you should attend conference:

♦ To equip yourself with best practice for school nurses
♦ Network with other school nurses
♦ Continuing education credits
♦ Have fun while learning and interacting
♦ To motivate you for the next school year

Please join us as we learn and celebrate 25 years of Georgia School Nurses and the contributions you make each and everyday!

Lisa Morrison, President Elect

Georgia Association of School Nurses

SAVE THE DATE

Georgia Association of School Nurses
25th Annual Statewide Educational Conference

Hyatt Regency, Savannah, GA ♦ June 19-21, 2017
Eighteen percent of children in the United States have a chronic medical condition. A well-trained school health professional can help these children manage their health and stay in school. Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) works closely with school health personnel throughout the state to provide them with educational materials, training and support.

The Children’s Regional School Health Coordinator, Gail Smith, provides the following services:

- School nurse updates and webinars on clinical pediatric topics
- Staff education for school districts in metro Atlanta
- Reviews and revisions of the school health manual
- Serve as prime contact for school nurses to call to discuss programmatic needs and difficult cases
- Provide the CHOA/DPH Common Infectious Illness poster
- Behavioral Health resources

Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta also provides nutritional and wellness resources through the Strong 4 Life Program. Please click the hyperlink for more information.

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http://pages.choa.org/School-Nurse-OptIn.html

.resources obtained from the National Association of School Nurses Website
Strategies for Addressing Asthma in Schools
This Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publication is a compilation of information and resources for implementing programs in schools. The 12-page document divides asthma management in schools into the following 3 categories: providing asthma education, linking students to medical care, and improving Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) in schools. There is also a Policies section, where readers are referred to American Lung Association for asthma medication resources.

Sexual Assault: Acute Care and Prevention
The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) just published the clinical report Care of the Adolescent After an Acute Sexual Assault, based on input from the AAP Committees on Adolescence and Child Abuse and Neglect. Although the report contains clinical guidance for pediatricians, it also addresses sexual assault prevention as well as mental health consequences and follow-up care.

Operation Prevention
The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Discovery Education teamed up to develop Operation Prevention. This national initiative for middle and high school students, parents, and educators aims to combat America’s rapidly growing opioid and heroin epidemic. Operation Prevention offers free science-based lesson plans, interactive student resources, and a downloadable Parent Toolkit.

National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit
The Summit will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 17-20, 2017. By attending, you can be part of the international discussion on addressing the opioid crisis and formulating solutions. Featured speakers include Dr. Vivek Murthy, U.S. Surgeon General, and Newt Gingrich, Advocates for Opioid Recovery Founding Advisor. Experts from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will present on Teens and Substance Use, among other topics. See Summit Agenda for details.