

COORDINATING SCHOOL & COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVES

In an effort to facilitate the mental, emotional, physical and social well being of students, national state agencies and school districts have been developing a coordinated approach to school health. This approach to health programming integrates a broad range of strategies, activities and services. It brings together school administrators, teachers and other staff, families, health care workers, the media, faith-based organizations, community agencies serving youth and young people themselves to assess health needs, set priorities and plan, implement and evaluate school health program activities.

The focus is on integrating efforts across eight interrelated components: health education, health services, nutrition services, health promotion for school staff, physical education, mental health and social services, healthy and safe school environments and family and community involvement. The Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) promotes strong district-level coordinated school health programs.

For the past ten years the Center for Health and Learning (CHL) has been working with school districts and communities to develop, support and coordinate strategic health initiatives.

CHL can work with you to:

- Develop a workable coordinated school health model for your community
- Help school leadership identify and develop the functions that comprise a coordinated approach to health education programs and services
- Identify and collect data to assess needs and inform programs and services
- Provide tools and resources (online surveys and newsletters, webinars and syndication services)
- Identify best practice programs and approaches
- Design, coordinate and facilitate meetings, trainings and professional development events
- Identify and define links between services, instruction and operations
- Monitor program implementation and evaluate program success



At CHL our mission is to promote the health and well being of children, families, schools and communities by providing training, technical assistance and resources for strategic health initiatives. We offer regional trainings and technical assistance through grant funding from federal, state and private agencies and we provide site-based trainings on request from school districts and community organizations.

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