

Annual Report  
2015-2016

Pulaski County Public Schools  
School Health

The School Health Program of Pulaski County Public Schools is committed to the premise that all students have a right to quality health care services from a registered school nurse. School Health Services takes a leadership role to support academic achievement by promoting and maintaining optimal student health and well-being.

School Nurses in Pulaski County Public Schools are all graduates of accredited colleges and universities with credentials in the area of nursing. Our school nurses are licensed by the State of VA to practice nursing and must maintain a current license.

Each elementary and middle school has a school clinic staffed with a registered nurse. Pulaski County High School has two registered nurses in their clinic.

During the school year of 2015-2016, our nurses recorded seeing a total of 90,201 students and staff in our clinics. Our nurses documented 12,407 phone calls, 5,902 written communications and 1,439 conferences at school with parents/guardians. In addition our nurses preformed 9,923 specialized procedures, administered 17,876 medications and wrote 1,181 individual care and emergency plans for our students.

Our school nurses coordinated with the local Lion's Club to provide vision screening for 1,107 students and to help provide students with eye exams and glasses when parents/guardians cannot provide these. We also work with Smile Virginia which is a mobile dentist program that provides dental care and screening in each of our schools. In the past we have only provided preventive dental care but this year we added restorative treatment. The mobile dentists screened 239 students providing cleaning and fluoride treatment, and new toothbrushes to all of these students. They provided restorative care for 163 of these students which included filling cavities, extractions, crowns, pulpotomies, sealants and referrals to local dentists and orthodontists for students who needed more extensive dental care. Our school nurses coordinated with Dr. Cynthia Southern to provide Give Kids a Smile Day for another 30 students which included dental cleaning, x-rays along with fillings and restorations. Our nurses worked with Dental Aid Partners of the New River Valley to provide dental education and free toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss for all first grade students.

This school year through collaboration with the Pulaski County School Board and the New River Health District we offered free immunization clinics in all our elementary schools to provide Tdap booster vaccine for all 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Tdap boosters are required of students before entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade. 82 students received their immunization during our spring clinics. We expanded this program to provide free influenza vaccine for middle and high school students. We provided immunizations for 122 students at Pulaski County High School, 60 students at Dublin Middle and 46 students at Pulaski Middle School.

Our nurses participate in core teams, IEP's, 504, and as members of crisis teams. They provide education and training in CPR/ First Aid/ AED as well as state mandated medication and diabetes training for all staff. They teach and assist in health education which includes family life education.

Our nurses serve as preceptors for nursing students, both RN and LPN students from New River Community College and Radford University to complete their clinical experience in school health.

This year our school nurses contributed to provide a \$100.00 gift to be given at the SOL investment assembly held at Pulaski County High School because we believe health care is a priority toward supporting academic achievement.