
New Jersey School Health and Climate Coalition



The **New Jersey School Health and Climate Coalition** (NJSHACC) is pleased to announce:

Healthy Schools, Healthy Students: A Year-Long Series of Conferences Devoted to Helping All Students Thrive, Socially, Emotionally, Physically, and Academically

Children are one third of our population and all of our future.

~ Select Panel for the Promotion of Child Health, 1981 ~

Focusing on New Jersey, but aware of national trends, this series of conferences will address two key questions across critical school health issues: *Where Are We Now?* & *What Do We Need to Do?* The goal of each conference is to provide an evidence-based assessment of the current landscape and create a vision for needed next steps to address each these school health issues.

Series Topics

Topics of upcoming conferences include the following school health related issues: school climate and bullying; students' mental health; obesity; and substance use. The first conference, *School Climate and Bullying*, will be held August 15, 2016 at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in Princeton, New Jersey.

Why?

School health has become the organizing structure for a wide range of school improvement efforts focused on supporting the growth of the whole child. As detailed in the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model (ASCD; CDC), the improvement efforts address multiple factors from the physical environment to family and community engagement and empowerment, to the social, emotional and physical health of the students, character education and school culture and climate.

For children in New Jersey to thrive, we must overcome barriers to school improvement in these domains at all levels: local, regional, and statewide. This demands the cooperation of health, education, and other sectors to create schools that are inspiring, safe, challenging, healthy, supportive, caring communities of learners. This conference series is a call to members of all these sectors to learn from each other and establish collaborative networks dedicated to the health of all New Jersey's children.

Audience

Representatives from the healthcare and education sectors, state and local government, professional organizations and associations, private foundations, and not-for-profit organizations are all encouraged to attend and contribute to helping all students thrive socially, emotionally, physically and academically.

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