

REMEMBER?



“It’s important to become a member of a professional nursing organization!”

Your nursing school instructors telling you....



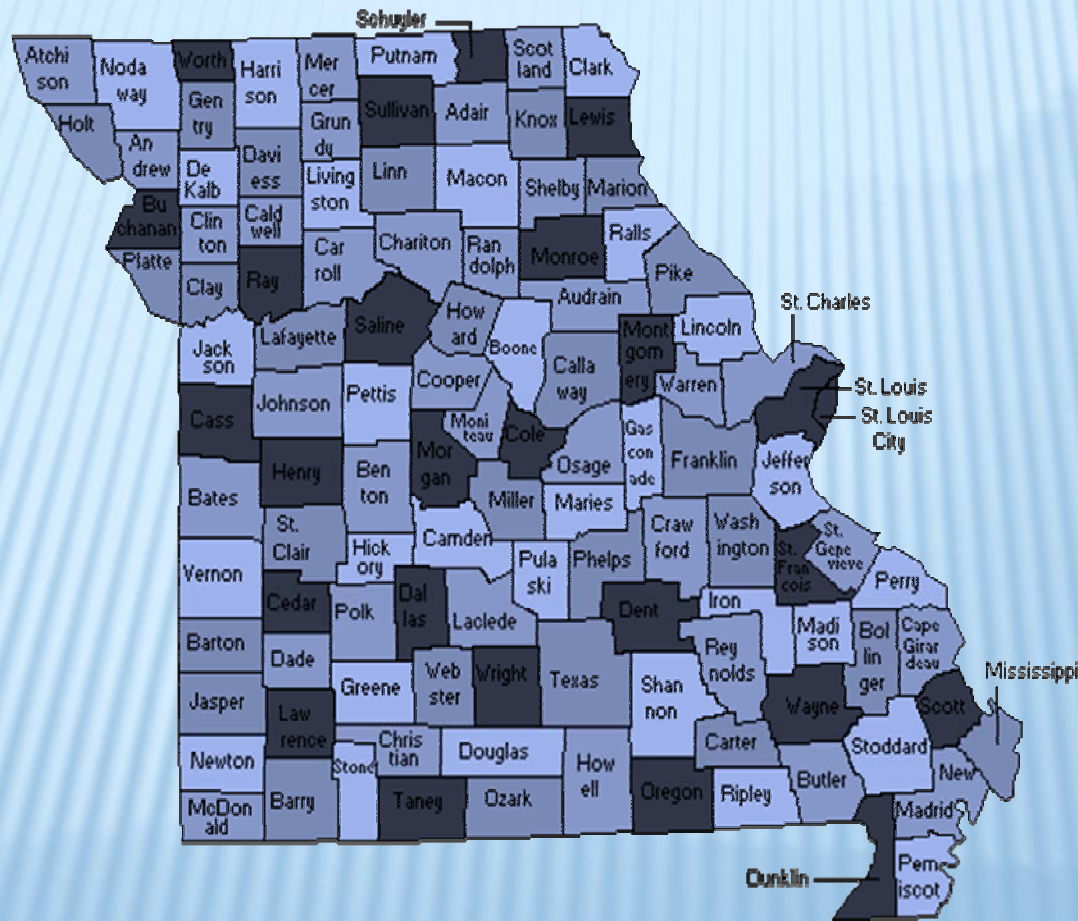
THE MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSES SAYS:



**WE WANT YOU IN
OUR ORGANIZATION!!**



MASN HAS SEVERAL BENEFITS IT OFFERS ITS MEMBERS ACROSS THE STATE



LOOK AT THE BENEFITS...

Quarterly newsletter
packed with resources



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Welcome School Nurse Professionals!

I hope everyone has been able to enjoy some of the summer. As for me, I was nursing a broken foot all summer, and now, duty calls and it is time to return to school.

I want you all to know how proud I am to be a school nurse and a member of MASN. In June, MASN received devastating news of the complete dissolution of the *School Health Grant Program*. Dissolution of this program would have removed 400 school nurse health professionals from 279 school districts, affecting the health and safety of over 270,000 school children across our state. MASN acted swiftly and professionally on your behalf by sending a letter of concern to Governor Nixon, the Missouri School Board Association, the Missouri Association of Rural Educators, the Executive Director of the National Association of School Nurses (NASN), and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. MASN advocated for ALL school nurses without considering membership.

Times such as these reinforce the importance that we all must

advocate for one another, the importance of making our voices heard, and that we are stronger as a group than alone. Please continue to visit the MASN website at missourischoolnurses.org and follow the links to contact your legislators as well as Governor Nixon. It is NEVER too late. I believe it is vitally important to keep school nursing and school children in the daily thoughts of our legislators—especially with the present and possibly future economic issues.

The Mission of MASN is to provide leadership, promote professional growth, and to advance the practice of school nursing for the benefit of children. Even though the leaders of MASN are volunteers, we are committed to advocating for school nurses and Missouri school children across the state. One important way you can be an advocate is to be a member of your professional organization.

For many, school nursing is a career choice, not a job. For those who have chosen school nursing as a career path, I believe that our love of children, education, and the love of nursing is what keeps

us going back day after day, year after year...even when there is political turmoil and budget cuts. School nurses have a sincere desire to bring a better life to others in the way of quality care, advocacy, and education. We stand firm and committed to the delivery of that care to the best of our ability.

I hope you will consider becoming a member of MASN or retaining your membership, its benefits, and future educational opportunities. These can positively affect you personally and professionally. Please use this newsletter as a learning tool. It contains very valuable and helpful information that will assist you in your daily practice.

Sincerest wishes for an amazing and fulfilled year!

OUR MISSION

The mission of MASN is to provide leadership, promote professional growth and to advance the practice of school nursing for the benefit of children.

OUR VISION

The vision of MASN is that every child in Missouri has access to a registered professional nurse in the educational setting.

LOOK AT THE BENEFITS...

Real help you can
use in your daily
practice.



Attending a conference on
HazMat Procedures

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES



MASN partners with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to offer an annual Orientation to Practice.

ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE



- ✘ Superior educational offerings
- ✘ Awards

- ✘ Vendors
- ✘ Networking and camaraderie
- ✘ Prizes



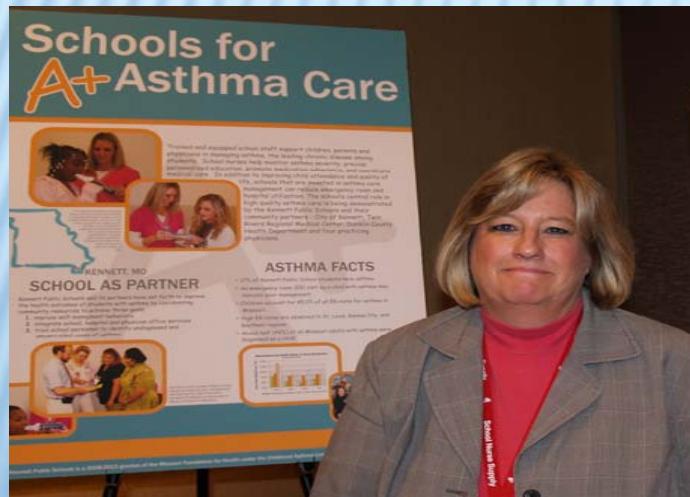
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SCHOOL NURSE HONORS AND AWARDS



NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE CONFERENCE



NETWORKING WITH FELLOW SCHOOL NURSES



LIAISON TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE



- ✘ MASN Legislative Chair monitors legislation that may affect school nurses, families, and children in Missouri.
- ✘ Meets with legislators to offer the school nurse perspective on health issues and pending legislation.



MEMBERSHIP AT DIFFERENT LEVELS

District

Accessibility to school nurses in your geographic area for networking on community issues. Mentors for new school nurses will be from your home district.

State

Opportunities for professional growth and advancing the practice of school nursing through statewide networking, legislative involvement and association with other state agencies.

National

Representation to national organizations and federal agencies having an impact on policies for child health. Members receive the **NASN Newsletter** and the *Journal of School Nursing*.

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