



TEAMS: Improving Asthma Management in Robbinsdale, MN

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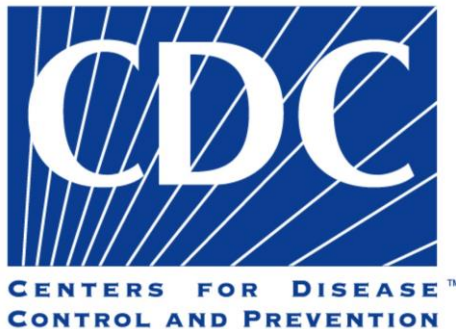
What School Nurses are Facing

- Often work in isolation
- Lack of resources
- Lack of comprehensive data
- Lack of up to date policies



TEAMS Project

- Partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics
- Supported by funding through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Operational for 5 years
- 30 different School Districts have participated



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TEAMS Project

Enhancing School Health Services through:

Training

Education

Assistance

Mentorship

Support



TEAMS Mission Statement

The TEAMS project aims to improve child health by supporting school districts in making improvements to their health services.



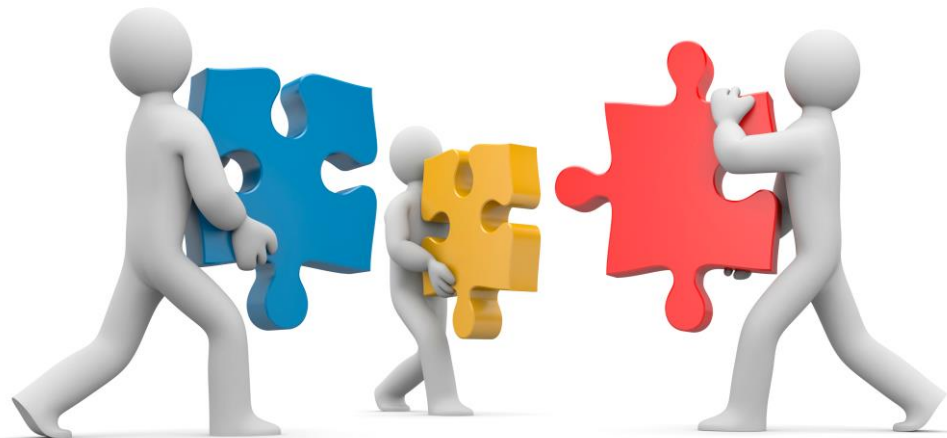
TEAMS Model

- Helps school districts engage and partner with other stakeholders
- Allows for collaboration on strategies that address system wide challenges
- Sets up a framework to connect school health with local institutions and resources
- Works to improve health services infrastructure
- Supports implementation of more coordinated and comprehensive care across the entire system
- Tracks progress and change

Stakeholders

Three member team

- District Health Services Representative
- Health Department Partner
- Physician Partner





Individual focus. Infinite potential.

Robbinsdale Area Schools

- TEAMS Project Notification
- Minnesota Health Care Homes and Schools



Robbinsdale Area Schools

- TEAMS Project Application Process



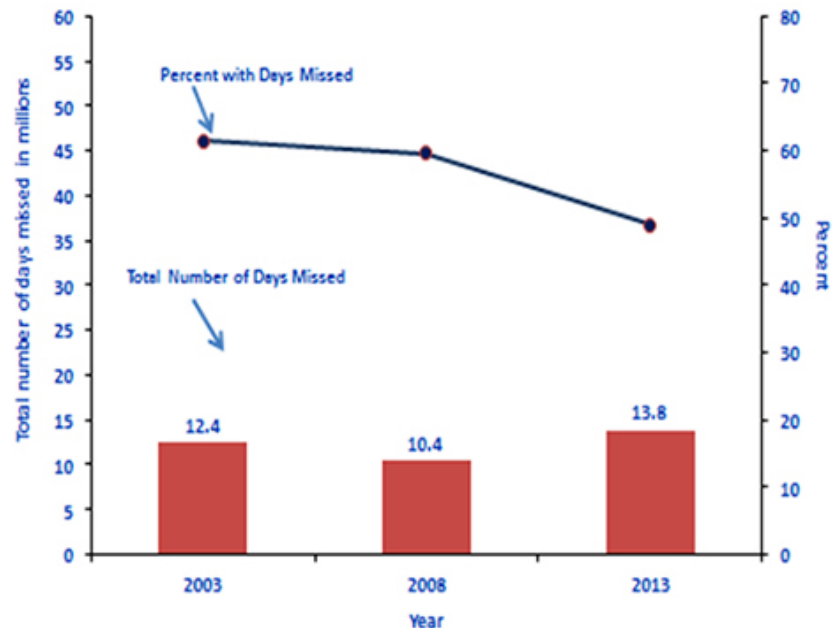
Robbinsdale Area Schools

- TEAMS project focused on improving the health and care coordination for students with asthma

1 in 11
children
has asthma



Number and Percent of Asthma-related Missed School Days among Children aged 5–17 Years: United States, 2003, 2008, 2013



Asthma's Impact on the Nation: Data from the CDC National Asthma Control Program
<http://www.cdc.gov/asthma/asthmaadata.htm>.

National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), 2003, 2008, 2013: question, "During the past 12 months, how many days of [daycare or preschool, school, school or work] did child miss because of his/her asthma?"

[National Center for Environmental Health](http://www.nceh.nih.gov), October, 5 2015

Robbinsdale Area Schools

Areas for Improvement

- No standard asthma collection/documentation district-wide
- No annual competency training on chronic conditions, including asthma
- Barriers to communication between schools and clinics – HIPPA and FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
- Difficult to get clinic information from parents/guardians (i.e. asthma plans)

Robbinsdale Area Schools

Project Accomplishments

- Standardized documentation and protocols for the school nurses
- Standardized Asthma Self-Management Education for the school nurses
- Standardized process for the communication of AMP's from the clinic to the schools
- Developed a strong partnership for Asthma-Friendly school

Standardized Documentation and Protocols

- ✓ Asthma standard of care nursing guideline
- ✓ Enhanced electronic data collection (i.e. 911-asthma related calls, current asthma action plans on file and tracking of acute/preventative asthma visits)
- ✓ Standardized electronic charting/instructions (MDH asthma forms, AMPs/orders scanned, and updated reference materials)

Standard Education - Background

- School nurses currently get no annual competency training on chronic conditions
- Clinics provide very little education to staff and educators on how to communicate effectively with schools around chronic condition
- Parents get little to no education from the clinics or schools on how to communicate with schools around chronic conditions

Standard Education - Goals

- Provide a comprehensive asthma competency education to all district nurses
- Revamp current Park Nicollet Asthma Self-Management curriculum to include focused training asthma management in the school setting

Standard Education - Interventions

- Invited all School nurses from the Robbinsdale District to participate in Park Nicollet's annual Asthma Self- Management Education training
- Worked with the Park Nicollet Asthma Work Group to update education and training to have a greater focus on pediatric asthma management including information around asthma management in the school setting

Standard Education - Results

Updated our Asthma Self-Management curriculum to include a 30 minute presentation on childhood asthma

- Asthma management in the school setting
- The role and responsibilities of the school nurses in chronic disease management
- The roles and responsibilities of the parent in communicating with the school nurses around child's chronic condition(s)

Provided asthma self-management education to 21 licensed school nurses from the Robbinsdale District

Educated 20 new RN care coordinators and MTM pharmacists through Park Nicollet (over last 2 years)

Standard Education

Standard Checklist for Parents

- At the beginning of the school year, make sure to contact school health services and let them know about your child's asthma
- By law, the school needs your permission to communicate student health information to your child's healthcare provider (FERPA). Find out from the school what they need from you to allow this important communication to happen
- Be sure your child has a recent Asthma Management Plan on file at the school that is signed by provider and parent
- Know your schools districts policy on medications including self administration, and self carry policies
 - Ensure that your child has immediate access to quick-relief medicine in case your child has an asthma flare-up while at school
- Include discussion about your child's asthma management during parent/teacher meetings or conferences

AMP Communication - Background

Northport Elementary School

- 84 (13%) of students have a current flag of Asthma
 - Of those students:
 - 11 (13%) have a physician order and a medication at school
 - 28 (33%) have a current Asthma Management Plan and medication at school
 - 45 (54%) have no medication or plan at school
 - 39 (46%) had an Asthma Management Plan on file but many were hard to read, understand, and did not have clear directions.
- Two 911 calls regarding asthma in first few months of school

AMP Communication - Background

- Average amount of time a school nurse is spending obtaining Asthma Management Plans for students with a diagnosis of asthma on file
 - Days if not weeks.
 - Depends on number of students with the conditions. It can take a lot of phone calls and emails to get any action from family. The more asthma conditions the more time it takes.
 - We don't go after Asthma Management Plans as diligently as anaphylaxis plans. We carry over from year to year. However, we spend hours getting plans for new diagnosis.
 - Approx. 30 minutes per student with asthma.

AMP Communication - Goals

- Create a standard clinic process to communicate Asthma Management Plans directly to the school district
- By the end of the pilot, 100% of Asthma Management Plans completed in the Plymouth Clinic Pediatrics department during the pilot will be communicated to the surrounding school district for nurses to file.
- Hypothesize that by completing this process we will see:
 - An increase in the amount of Asthma Management Plans on file at the school for patients/students with asthma
 - A decrease in the number of 911 calls from school due to clearly documented plan of care on file

AMP Communication - Interventions

- Developed a process flow
 - When students came in for their asthma visit parents are asked to complete a RELEASE OF INFORMATION (ROI) to provide Asthma Management Plans to schools.
 - If parents agreed, nursing staff fax the Asthma Management Plans directly to the school nursing office.
- Worked with surrounding districts to create a centralized fax number for each district with the explanation of what we were providing.

AMP Communication - Interventions

- Trained nursing staff and providers on the importance of Asthma Management Plans and communication to school districts as well as the pilot process for faxing Asthma Management Plans to the schools
- Tested the process and tracked data for one month
- Surveyed school Nurses and clinical care teams to understand impact, time to complete, and barriers to complete this new process.

AMP Communication - Results

- 21 patients/families were offered an ROI's to fax AMP to school
 - 20 ROI's collected and AMP's faxed
 - 1 parent declined because the child was home schooled

AMP Communication Survey Results Clinic Staff

How much extra time does it add to time spent with patients having them complete ROI

- Providers saw no impact as hall staff were completing while rooming
- Halls staff indicated 2-4 minutes additional time spent in room
- Parents are given an explanation and asked to fill out and sign. Does not take long at all

Have you received any feedback from patients when completing this form

- 75% said no negative feedback
- Anecdotal feedback - Parents really seem to like this. Parents seem to understand that the school record this information and are appreciative of the communication

Any suggestions regarding current process

- Seems to be working fine
- Opportunity to better understand what to do if the patients has a different PCP within the system, seen by outside PCP, or managed in a specialty for their asthma (Pulmonary or Asthma and Allergy).

AMP Communication

Survey Results School Nurses

9 Schools were sent forms, 5 schools reported back

5/5 Found it helpful that AMPS were faxed directly to their office

Comments included:

- very useful and allows me to make better decisions
- It saves time not having to scan and save, I can just attach it to their file when I get it
- It comes directly to me and that way I don't need to wait until parents remember to send it in to me at school
- Bypass the “middle man” and info gets directed quicker to the health office
- Absolutely! Getting them from parents can be lengthy

5/5 that they used the AMP's routinely to help care for their students

AMP Communication

Survey Results School Nurses

Feedback on Park's current AMP (information, aesthetics, readability)

- The main page of the AMP is very helpful, trigger page is more informational
- They are straight forward
- I'm in 3 schools part time and the management plan clearly states what "zone" to treat symptoms and what action to take for that zone. That helps school staff who need to make decisions when I am gone

General Feedback and learnings

- Process has uncovered that many kids addition education on properly using inhaler
- Not all kids come with a spacer or chamber
- Per district policy – The AMP's a doctor's order is necessary and is supposed to have doctor's signature and parents signature to be completed at MD's office, make sure that every AMP is signed by parent is they want child to carry/administer meds.

AMP Communication - District Results

2015-2016

~14%
Asthma

28%
AMP

2016-2017

~14%
Asthma

17%
AMP

AMP Communication – Lesson's Learned

- FERPA and HIPPA compliance can be challenging. Importance of communication between clinic to parent to school.
- Only a minimal amount of time and effort was added to clinic work flow to break down communication barriers
- Communication to schools from clinic improves patient care overall and is a time saving process, less paperwork for everyone
- Importance of constant education regarding asthma, action plans, and medication needs for parents and students that is consistent.

TEAMS AAP Video

- [TEAMS Robbinsdale, MN](#)

