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# **Emergency Preparedness Resources for School Nurses**

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## Objectives:

- Describe training and education opportunities available for school nurses
- Identify resources for school nurses related to bioterrorism and emergency preparedness and response

# Emergency Preparedness Resources for School Nurses

## Methods

- Researched, reviewed and compiled current information about school nursing, pediatrics and bioterrorism from the World Wide Web
- Developed annotated bibliography, or resource list for school nurses, according to types of organizations

# Resources on CD-ROM

- Created a CD-ROM
- Speakers' Powerpoint presentations
- Resource list
  - Highlights key areas of interest
  - Refer to the sites regularly
  - Be aware of updates

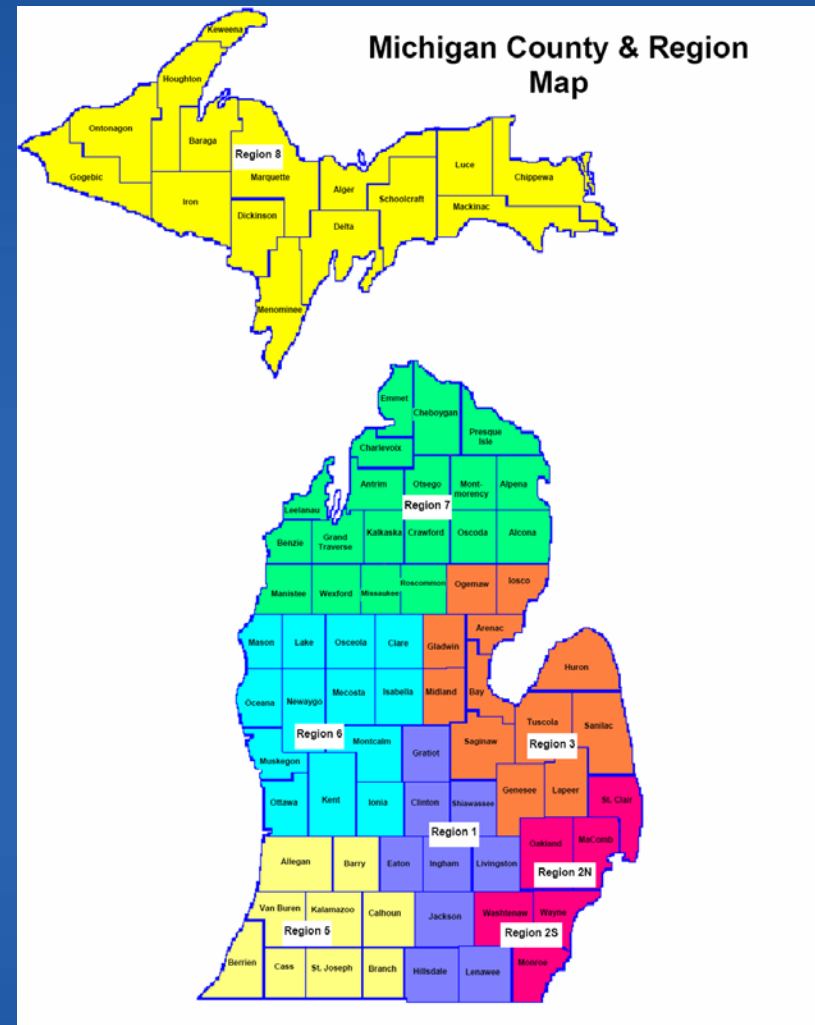


# Resource List: Federal

- Provides national guidance from experts in responding to bioterrorism, offering training, fact sheets, profiles, guidelines, and recommendations regarding emergencies
- Centers for Disease Control –
  - *Fact sheets*
  - *Training*
- FDA
  - *Drug therapy dosages for children*
- Department of Homeland Security
  - *National Response Plan*

# Resource List: Michigan

- State government and other organizations support health care workers and first responders
  - Michigan Department of Community Health: Office of Public Health Preparedness
  - Michigan State Police
  - Michigan Association of School Nurses
  - Region 2 South



# Resource List: Mental Health

- Bioterrorism can affect the mental health of emergency responders, as well as citizens, including children
- Mental health professionals may be summoned to assist, but often nurses immediately encounter opportunities to assess the mental health status of individuals, and offer therapeutic interventions

- *Coping with traumatic events*

<http://www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs/TraumaticEvents/tips.asp>

- *Reaction of Children to a Disaster*

<http://www.mentalhealth.org/publications/allpubs/KENO1-0101/default.asp>

# Resource List: Training

- Federal Emergency Management Agency
  - *Web-based courses*
- National Association of School Nurses
  - *Managing Infectious Diseases in the School Setting*
- U.S. Department of Education
  - *Three R's to Dealing with Trauma in Schools: Readiness, Response and Recovery*
- Michigan Center for Public Health Preparedness
  - *Competency-based courses*

# Resource List: National Organizations and Associations

- Literary materials
- Lesson plans
- Activities
- Guides
- Articles
- Toolkits



# Resource List: National Organizations and Associations (continued)

- American Academy of  
Child and Adolescent  
Psychiatry

*Facts for Families*

- American Academy of  
Experts in Traumatic  
Stress

*Practical Guide for Crisis  
Response*

- American Academy of  
Pediatrics

*The Youngest Victims*

- National Association of  
School Nurses

*Position Statements*

# Conclusion

In providing quick references and other documents, these resources will assist the nurse:

- In the development of a bioterrorism response plan in the school setting
- In preparing self, children, families and other staff workers for a disaster
- In caring for those affected by a bioterrorism event

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