



Comprehensive Health Services for Young Children

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the coordinated school health program includes but is not limited to well-child physical examinations, dental examinations and follow-up care, immunizations for communicable diseases, physical and emotional development screenings, follow-up examinations and treatment for health problems, prevention and control of disease, and safety and injury prevention;

WHEREAS, the introduction of health services and preventive education at early ages offers foundation for lifelong patterns of living and reduces health-related barriers to learning;

WHEREAS, the first National Education Goal is "All children will start school ready to learn;"

WHEREAS, children must be healthy to learn; and

WHEREAS, most preschool children (birth to age five) in the U.S. take part in preschool programs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the American School Health Association recommends that preschools provide or arrange for their child clients and their families access to comprehensive health services, that this may include acting as an intermediary that links existing community health services with clients who have no identified "primary care/medical home" and, in some cases, may include providing on-site health examinations, preventive health services, and referrals to medical agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American School Health Association shall actively work with individuals and organizations in the field of early childhood education so that child and family access to comprehensive health services will be successfully facilitated through child day care and educational preschool programs.

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