

Keynote Speakers

Health Literacy in Many Cultures

81st Annual ASHA School Health Conference

July 9 - 13, 2007

Ala Moana Hotel - Honolulu, Hawaii

Tuesday, July 10 • 9:20 - 10:50 am

Health Literacy

Rear Admiral Kenneth Moritsugu

Keynote Address - Invited

Rear Admiral Kenneth Moritsugu, Acting Surgeon General and a native Hawaiian, has been invited to talk about health literacy.

Wednesday, July 11 • 12:20 - 1:40 pm

Findings from the 2006 School Health Policies and Programs Study (SHPPS)

Nancy Brener, PhD

All Conference Luncheon sponsored by School Kids Healthcare

Nancy Brener, PhD, Team Leader of the CDC Surveillance Research Team, will offer participants a special “sneak preview” of the findings from the 2006 School Health Policies and Programs Study (SHPPS).

The School Health Policies and Programs Study (SHPPS), sponsored and conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is the largest, most comprehensive assessment of school health programs ever conducted. Although results from the 2006 study will not be released officially until October 2007, Dr. Brener will offer a look at the nationally representative results from all eight components of a school health program.

For school health programs at the elementary, middle/junior and senior high levels, the study assessed characteristics in the areas of health education, physical education, health services, mental health and social services, school policy environment, food service, faculty and staff health promotion, and family and community involvement. Information was obtained through telephone interviews with state- and district-level staff, and through in-person interviews with school staff.

SHPPS also was conducted in 1994 and 2000.

This presentation is supported by School Kids Healthcare.

Thursday, July 12 • 12:50 - 1:50 pm

No More Children At Risk - Children At Promise: A Resiliency Story

Mervlyn Kitashima

Keynote Address

Mervlyn Kitashima, Parent Coordinator of the Kamehameha School, will engage participants with her personal story of resilience titled *No More Children At Risk - Children At Promise: A Resiliency Story*.

Ms. Kitashima, recently selected as a National Mother of the Year, was born in 1955 on the island of Kauai and was selected from birth as a child at-risk to be part of the Kauai Longitudinal Study on Resilience. She will share here real-life experiences.

Kamehameha School is a large private school endowed by the legacy of Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop to better the education of Native Hawaiian children.