

Disclosures

- 1.5 NCPD Contact Hours and up to 1.5 CPH Recertification Credits may be earned upon successful completion.
- For successful completion, participants must attend the entire educational activity and complete the online course evaluation.
- The educational activity evaluation will be open at 4:30 P.M. on **September 28, 2023**, and close on **October 15, 2023**.
 - No commercial support has been received for this activity.
- This educational activity is being jointly provided by the Public Health Nursing Institute for Continuing Excellence and the North Carolina Public Health Association.
- The Public Health Nursing Institute for Continuing Excellence is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the North Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Legislative Updates

NCPHA 2023 Conference

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Good News

- Medicaid Expansion (kinda)
- Increased child care subsidy and NC Pre-K
- Additional mental health resources for children at school

- 600,000 North Carolinians to gain coverage
- Signed into law- March 27, 2023
- Tied to state budget
- December 1, 2023 earliest effective date

Medicaid Expansion



Child Care

- Permanent subsidy reimbursement rate increase
- Decouple private tuition and subsidies
- Effective- July 1, 2023



- Focus on school support personnel
- *H605, School Threat Assessment Teams* – signed into law July 7
- Line items in both Senate, House, and Conference report budget proposals



- Prohibits abortion after 12th week of pregnancy
- LARC investments
- Increase in Medicaid rates for maternal bundle
- Nurse midwives scope of practice
- Paid Family Leave for state employees
- Safe Surrender
- Kinship care reimbursements

Medicaid Expansion

383,000 children in North Carolina have at least one uninsured parent. With the expansion of Medicaid, that positively impacts not only the parents but the children in the households.

Postpartum Medicaid Extension

The new extension of Medicaid benefits to postpartum people from 6 weeks to 12 months will help reduce maternal deaths, infant mortality and promote healthy development among approximately 24,000 babies born each year.

ARPA Advocacy

Local advocates in Guilford County successfully advocated for \$1 million of ARPA funds to go towards hiring school nurses.

Approximately 72,000 students will benefit as a result.

Lowering the Lead Hazard Level in Children's Drinking Water

The recent revision of the definition of a lead hazard in children's drinking water in the Childhood Lead Poisoning Statute from 15 to 10 parts per billion extends lead exposure protection to **more than 30,000 young children**, particularly in child care settings.

- 2023 Long Session Sine Dine- ?
- 2024 Short Session convenes- Springish
- March 5, 2024- Primaries
- November 5, 2024- General Election

What's on your hearts and minds?

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Earn Professional Development Hours



You may earn continuing education hours for your professional discipline by completing the evaluation for this activity. Your thoughtful responses provide important information that allows the PHNICE to continue its mission of providing quality professional development opportunities at free or reduced cost.

You must complete the activity evaluation to receive a certificate of completion. Everyone should save/print a completion certificate for their records.

The educational activity evaluation will be open from **September 28th, 2023 to October 15th, 2023.**

A professional development certificate will be provided to all individuals that complete the evaluation by the deadline. **Please Note:** This will be your only option to receive evidence of the professional development contact hours and/or CPH Recertification Credits. You will need to save this certificate.

To complete the evaluation, go to

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