



## LEARNS Project 2020-2021

### Lions Empowering and Aiding Regional Nurses in Schools

Application for participating in the LEARNS joint project with the Virginia Diabetes Council Diabetes in Schools Committee, the Lions Clubs District 24-L, and the Virginia Dept. of Education.

Preferred date for submission in 2020-21 project: April 3, 2020

Background: The Virginia Diabetes Council (VDC) members working with the Lions Clubs District 24-L identified a need for diabetes education resources within the school system. Proper care of students with Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes entrusted to the care of school personnel is essential.

*Mission: To provide a source of sustained funding and ongoing support to all Virginia school divisions in order to provide standardized and equitable professional development for school staff in the management of care for students with diabetes.*

*Vision: Facilitating standardized and purposeful diabetes education of school staff members responsible for managing care of students with diabetes.*

#### Overview of Goals:

- Provide standardized up-to-date training in a constantly evolving field.
- Provide curriculum on: healthy lifestyle recommendations, glucose meters, carbohydrate counting, insulin pumps, continuous glucose monitors, medications, emergency situations, and preventing complications.
- Empower school health personnel and support staff to assist in this care during the school day.
- Confidently implement the Diabetes Medical Management Plan (DMMP) from the child's healthcare provider.

**Plan:** The successful pilot project from the 2019-20 school year has enabled us to continue to seek participation during the upcoming 2020-21 school year.

- Administered by Lions District 24L and the VDC.
- Utilizes Salus Education's *Diabetes Care at School: Bridging the Gap*.
- Ongoing training program using a self-paced e-learning program throughout the school year.
- License for each campus to use for an unlimited number of staff from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.
- Outcome measures including: usage, staff satisfaction, and completion rates monitored by the VDC Diabetes in School Committee and shared with all School Districts.

Access to *Diabetes Care at School: Bridging the Gap* includes 3 levels of training for one year with Salus provided technical support.

- Training for Non-Medical Personnel (UDCA) & Diabetes Awareness Training.
- Technology (updated Insulin Pump and Continuous Glucose Monitoring).
- Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) -ANCC approved 6.0 hours (may claim again every 2 years).

**Invitation:** The LEARNS Project team encourages each school division to participate in this project. Previous participants in the pilot project are kindly asked to re-apply for the next school year and update their information. Please complete the attached application. Thank you for teaming up with us in this initiative.

Attached: LEARNS Project Application

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References: [SalusEducation.com](http://SalusEducation.com) ; [VirginiaDiabetes.org](http://VirginiaDiabetes.org)

