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Williamson County and Cities Health District Presents the 6th Annual School and Public Health Nurses Conference

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Williamson County and Cities Health District (WCCHD) in partnership with Austin Community College of Nursing, University of Texas School of Social Work, Georgetown Independent School District (ISD), Hutto ISD, Round Rock ISD, and Taylor ISD is holding its sixth annual Williamson County School and Public Health Nurses Conference.

School and public health nurses from throughout the county have been invited to the August 19, 2009 event being held at the Georgetown ISD Ninth Grade Center.

“This annual conference demonstrates a commitment by our public health department and schools to continue a focus on how, together, we can improve health impacting the future of our county” says Mary McKenna, Director of Health and Safety Services with the Georgetown Independent School District.

Over 160 nurses and other healthcare professionals attended last year’s event held at the Hutto Independent School District’s Performing Arts Center.

This event will provide nurses with information on health education, parenting, and mental health services available in Williamson County, suicide awareness and prevention, immunization updates and requirements, rabies and bats in school environments, school nurse scope of practice and pertussis cocooning.

Featured speakers include Annie Burwell, Williamson County Mobile Outreach Team; Merily Keller, Texas Suicide Prevention Council; Diane Romnes, Texas Department of State Health Services Immunization Program; Dr. Beverlee Nix, Texas Department of State Health Services Zoonosis Control; Pam Burke, Round Rock ISD Health Services and Dr. Mary Healy, Texas Children’s Hospital, Center for Vaccine Awareness and Research.

In addition to the topics presented by the speakers, conference participants also look forward to networking with conference exhibitors and nurses from other school districts and the public health department.

“Each year I have learned about different resources that are available to my students and their families from a variety of community agencies” says Pam Burke, Director of Health Services at Round Rock Independent School District.

For more information on the School and Public Health Nurses Conference please contact Cynthia Guerrero at 512-248-3252 or CGuerrero@wcchd.org.

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