



CANCER PREVENTION & RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF TEXAS

Award ID:
10-17

Project Title:
Cancer Prevention Through the Texas School Health Network

Award Mechanism:
Legacy Grant

Principal Investigator:
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Entity:
Texas Department of State Health Services

Lay Summary:

TSHN collaborates with Texas' 20 Educational Service Centers (ESCs) to assist local school districts in implementation of coordinated school health programs using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's coordinated school health model. Each ESC has a School Health Specialist (Specialist) who provides in-service training, workshops, and technical assistance to school districts utilizing resources on a variety of health topics. Topics and types of services provided by Specialists are dependent upon needs assessment results of each region. Topics could include, but are not limited to: coordinated school health, nutrition, physical activity, tobacco use, sun safety, and school health advisory councils (SHACs). Services of TSHN include: promotion of a school-wide approach to health through a variety of school and community engagement activities, development and support of SHACs (a mandate of the state), fostering school and community collaboration, and distributing timely and reliable information to school districts. At the state level, the Project Director facilitates coordination and collaboration to promote school health. The Project Director provides direction and supervision to Specialists and their programs on a continual basis through staff meetings, site visits, portfolio assessments, weekly updates, individualized correspondence, and telephone communication.