

## Anaphylaxis Education Program - NSW Statewide

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## **NSW STATE-WIDE ANAPHYLAXIS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

### **PURPOSE**

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### **KEY INFORMATION**

To manage anaphylaxis in schools the NSW Department of Health has assisted the NSW Department of Education and Training in the implementation of the *Anaphylaxis Guidelines for Schools* through the Anaphylaxis Education Program. The program focuses on educating schools and teachers regarding management of anaphylaxis and risk management strategies to prevent anaphylaxis.

The aims of the program are to:

- Raise awareness and improve understanding of allergies and anaphylaxis in schools and children's services.
- To provide information and training to assist NSW schools and children's services to provide a safe environment for children at risk of anaphylaxis.
- To provide training in the management of anaphylaxis to NSW schools and children's services, with the main priority to train NSW school staff.
- To provide advice to NSW schools and children's services on preventative measures against allergies and anaphylaxis.

The CHW will work with Area Health Services to ensure that there is a local skill base for anaphylaxis education across NSW within the community nursing sector.

### **SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOOKINGS**

Anaphylaxis Education Program sessions for schools and children's services can be booked via the CHW.

The anaphylaxis training is provided free of charge to NSW Public Education facilities. Training is provided to Private Education facilities for a fee of \$200.00 per training session (cost is subject to review and is accurate as at 30 June 2009).

Training sessions can be arranged by contacting Anaphylaxis Education Program at CHW:

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## **COMMUNITY NURSE TRAIN THE TRAINER WORKSHOPS**

The CHW will conduct train the trainer workshops for interested Area Health Service Registered Nurses to enable them to deliver the Anaphylaxis Education Program to NSW schools. This 1 day workshop is designed to facilitate Registered Nurses who, as part of their current role, will be able to deliver education to school staff. Once accredited, nurses will be given ongoing support and information in order to deliver this education.

The workshops will be held in various Area Health Service locations to maximise participation and the workshops are free of charge.

Area Health Service Managers are strongly encouraged to support the attendance of Registered Nurses who are interested in delivering anaphylaxis training in the NSW school environment.

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

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