

Nurse-Led Advocacy Learning Collaborative Series

Session 1 April 14, 2022





The National Nurse-Led Care Consortium (NNCC) is a non-profit membership organization that supports nurse-led care and nurses at the front lines of care.

NNCC supports comprehensive, community-based primary care and public health nursing through policy and advocacy, program development and management, technical assistance and support, and direct, nurse-led healthcare services.

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COVID Vaccine Confidence Project



Q: Can I get the vaccine if I don't have insurance?

A: Yes, Covid-19 vaccines are 100% free in the United States.

- Empower nurses with information to engage care teams and communities about COVID-19 vaccines.
- Provide learning opportunities to share up-to-date guidance, support engagement among nursing colleagues, and strengthen the nursing role.
- Amplify the nursing voice by featuring nurse champions through our podcast and other media outlets.

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Free 4-part learning collaborative series for nurses on advancing health equity.

Sessions will be held biweekly on **Thursdays 1:00PM-2:30PM ET**

1.5 CEU will be offered for each session **attended live**. An evaluation will be sent out to attendees following each session, complete the brief questionnaire to receive CEU credit. Learn more <u>here</u>. *Please allow up to 4 weeks for receiving your certificate*.

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- Session materials slides, handouts, and any other resources shared during the series will be provided via a good drive shared out following this session.
- Session details will also be posted to our series page.

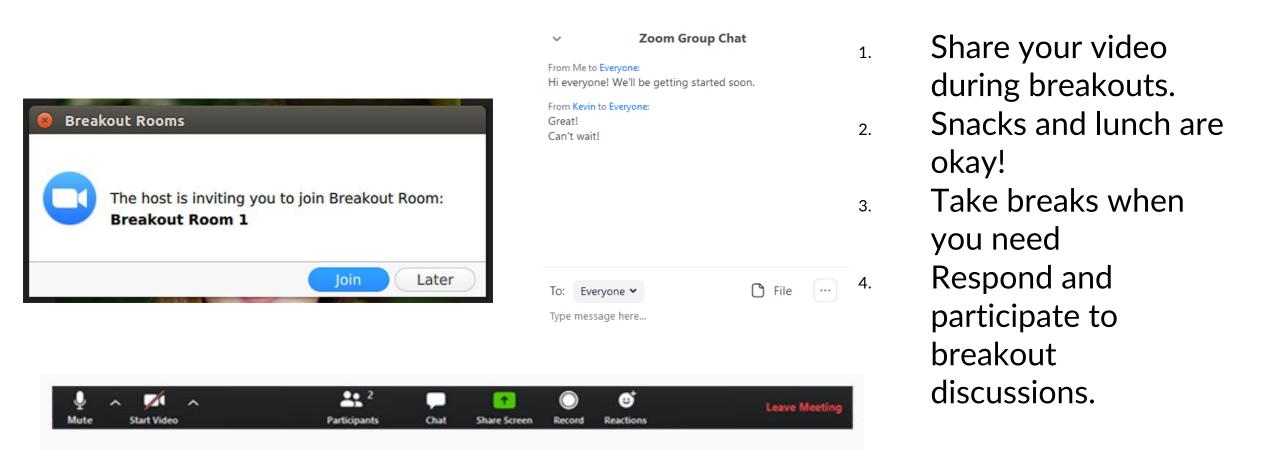
All sessions will take place via Zoom. Please use the link provided to you via Zoom once registering.

- > Session 1: April 14 \rightarrow Nurses' role in policy and the legislative process
- ➤ Session 2: April 28 → Grassroots Advocacy: advocating for patients at the local level and testifying/informing stakeholders
- > Session 3: May 12 \rightarrow Coalition and network building
- ➤ Session 4: May 26 → Systems Change Through Action (e.g. international trainings, campaigns, areas focusing speaker's work)

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE SERIES

- To complete the pre-series survey and be willing to participate in post-series surveys.
- We strongly encourage you to attend as many sessions of the series as you are able.
- Through this series, we intend to create a space where we can facilitate supportive conversations and learning across the nurseadvocacy community.

ZOOM ETIQUETTE



AGENDA

- **NNCC Welcome/introduction:** 5 minutes
- Speaker Introduction to Content: 5 minutes
 - Breakout discussion: 20 minutes
 - **Report back:** 10 minutes
- **Didactic Presentation:** 40 Minutes
- **Q+A/NNCC Wrap-up:** 10 minutes

SPEAKER INTRODUCTION

- Lacey is full time pediatric nurse practitioner.
- Prior to returning to patient care in 2020, she was an Associate Teaching Professor at BYU, where she also received her undergraduate degree in Nursing.
- While at BYU, Lacey collaborated with immunization specialists across the country to improve vaccine uptake.
- Lacey was inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and honored with the Daisy Nurse Leader Award in Policy.



Lacey Eden MS, FNP-C



Steps Toward Change to Promote Child Health Advocacy:

A Service Learning Experience Lacey Eden, DNP, NP-C & Karlen E. Luthy, DNP

Learning Outcomes

- Explain the political procedures for passing legislation
- Outline steps for successful drafting and lobbying of a bill and how to involve student nurses in the process.
- Empower nurses across the nation to be CHANGE agents and advocate for their patients.

"Why do nurses have to know this stuff?"

- Nurses are patient advocates
- Many aspects of health care are regulated through legislation
- Political activism advances the nursing profession
- Nurses already possess the skills for political activism

Nurses and political advocacy

- Skills and experience (Woodward, Smart, & Benavides-Vaello, 2016)
 - Conflict resolution
 - Problem solving skills
 - P Teamwork
- Barriers (Buck-McFadyen & MacDonnell, 2017)
 - Time constraints
 - Prustration
 - Burnout
 - Lack of understanding of political procedures (Lewinski & Simmons, 2018)

BREAKOUT QUESTIONS

- What do you find is your biggest barrier for political activism?
- What polices, in your state, would you like to change and/or implement?
- Have you faced any barriers in the process of implementing policy change?

- Idea
- Bill Created
- Bill Drafting & ApprovalBill is numbered



- The bill is read 3 separate times
 - P First reading
 - Decision of where the bill should be sent
 - Standing committee

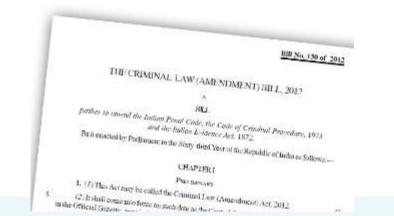


- Second reading
 Lobbying
 Letter writing
- Third reading





- If amendments or substitutes are made:
 - <15 words on House floor</p>
 - <10 words on Senate floor</p>
 - Must be relevant to original bill
 - Protected
- Final Passage
 - Bill must pass by a constitutional majority
 - 38 aye votes in the House
 - 15 aye votes in the Senate



- The bill must pass in both houses
 - After it passes in one house, it gets sent to the other house
 - It goes through the same process
 - Legislator will find a sponsor in the opposite house
- If either house amends a bill, the bill is sent back to the first house
- If both houses do not agree on the amendment, the bill is sent back and the amendment is withdrawn



- Enrolling Process
- P Delivered to Governor
 - After enrolling, bill is sent back to the House/Senate
 - House/Senate deliver enrolled bills to the governor for action.



- If the governor vetoes a bill:
 - Legislature can override the governor's veto
 - 2/3 of the House/Senate must be in favor to assemble a veto override session (must begin within 60 days of adjournment)
- 2/3 vote required in both houses for override
- 2 New laws become effective 60 days after adjournment, unless otherwise stated in the bill.





Be the CHANGE

- C: Collect
- P H: Hinge
- A: Associations
- N: Negotiate
- P G: Gather
- E: Expertise



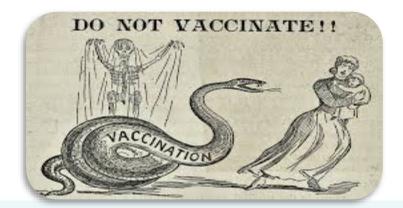
C: Collect Data

- Rnow the facts
- Student nurses help gather the facts

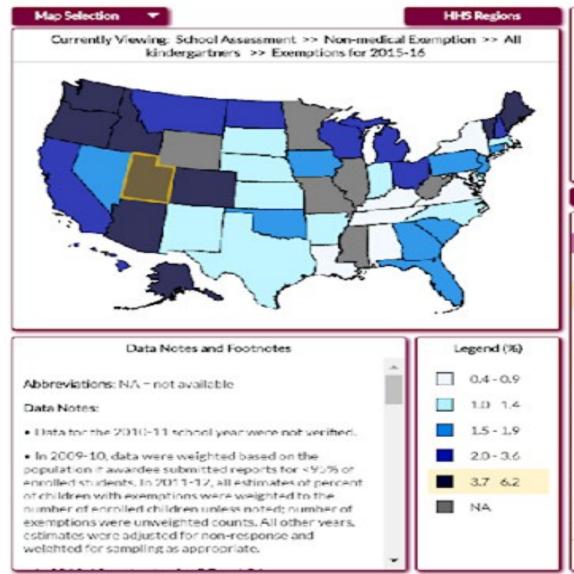


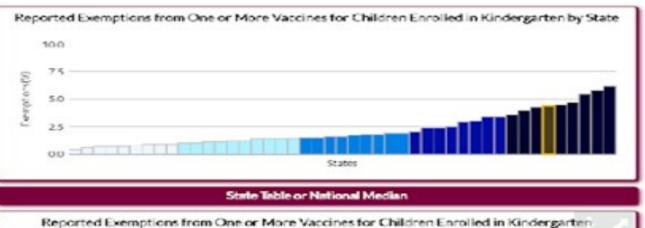
Community Immunity

"The data shows that roughly one out of every four schools fail to meet the "herd immunity" rate for measles (MMR) or whooping cough (DTaP). A school has to have at least 92 percent in either category to protect all students."



Estimated number and percentage of children enrolled in kindergarten with an exemption from one or more vaccines by State and the United States, School Vaccination Assessment Report, 2015-16 school year



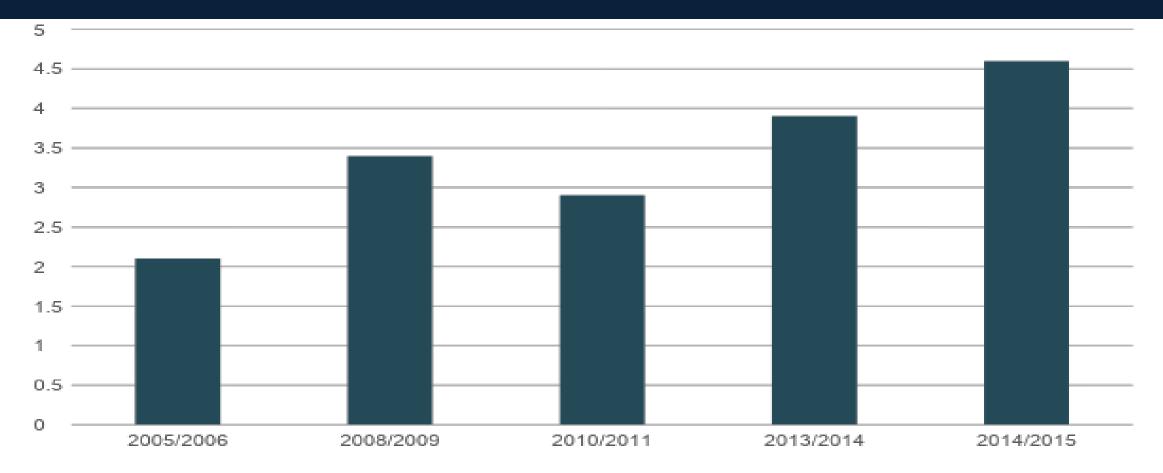


States	N	Survey Type	*	Footnotes	
		(private)			
• Utah	50,114	Census	4.4		
Vermont	5.366	Census	5.5		
 Virginia 	100,074	Stratified 2- stage cluster sample	0.9	T	
Washington	85,492	Census	3.6		
• West Virginia	21,333	Voluntary response	NA	t.†	
• Wisconsin	70.220	Stratified 2- stage cluster sample	2.9		ł
• Wyoming	7.825	Voluntary	NA	5.11	

Exemption Rates Nationwide

Graphic courtesy of cdc.gov

Utah Kindergarten Exemption Rates



Utah Department of Health (2016) *Immunization Coverage Report*. Retrieved from http://www.immunizeutah.org/pdf/2016/mmCovRpt/2016StateReports/2016CoverageReport_Oct2017.pdf

Utah Exemption Types

Personal Medical Religious 1% 95%



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H: Hinge

- Right Hinge and Right Location
- Brainstorm ideas with student nurses





State Immunization Program Manager Survey

In collaboration with:

- Association of Immunization Managers
- CDC

(Eden et al, 2017)

"Everything hinges on education. Without it, you can't advocate for proper health care..."

Susan L. Taylor

A: Associations

- Gather recommendations, feedback, and interested parties on the language in the bill
 - Utah Chapter of AANP
 - Utah School Nurses Association
 - Local Health Departments
 - Utah Chapter of NAPNAP
 - Utah Chapter AAP
 - Utah Medical Association (UMA)
 - P Legislature



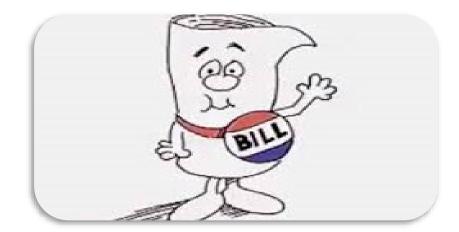
N: Negotiate

- Find a Senator and House Representative to sponsor bill
- Draft Bill



HB 308 Sub 2: Public Health in Schools

- Require completion of online education prior to receiving exemption form
- Increase the frequency an exemption must be obtained
- 21 day conditional enrollment



G: Gather Support





To protect our loved ones from preventable diseases





Protect Utah from Preventable Diseases

Support House Bills 308 & 309

HOUSE BILL 308

* The State Health Department will create a standardized education module for parents seeking personal immunization exemptions. Education would include:

- Signs and symptoms of immunization preventable diseases
- Education on how community immunity works
- Training on 21-day exclusion rule for unimmunized children during outbreaks.
- Information about cost and locations where you can get immunizations
- Online availability, taking only 20 minutes and completion of the module meets requirement for all children in the family needing an exemption

EDUCATION MODULE COMPLETION CERTIFICATE EXPIRES IN TWO YEARS.

HOUSE BILL 309

- Require renewal of immunization exemption form at kindergarten and seventh grade.
 - Right now, immunization exemptions in kindergarten last until the child graduates from high school.
 - Required renewal at seventh grade would give exempting parents the opportunity to regularly evaluate responsibilities during a disease outbreak.
- Allow a 21day conditional enrollment to get immunizations, records or exemption forms after the start of school.
 - Some transfer students need extra time to find immunization records. With this bill, children can start school while parents find or request records.
 - Parents may be unaware of immunization requirements for school. With this bill, parents have extra time to have child immunized.

Groups In Support

- Utah Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
- Utah Nurse Practitioners Association
- Utah School Nurses Association
- Voices for Utah Children
- Utah Health Department

- PTA Association
- Utah Board of Education



E: Expect to be the Expert

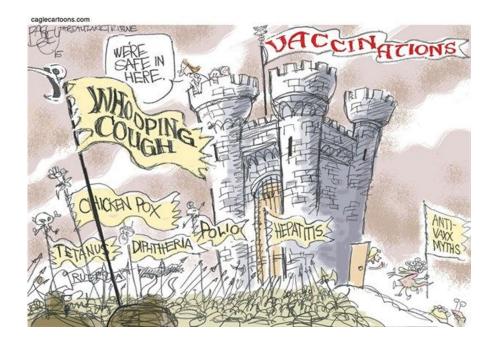
Of course I talk to myself, Sometimes I need expert advice.





Politics is a Process-Not an Event

Even after a bill passes, your work is not done



Lessons Learned

- It's not personal- it's politics (Ok maybe it's a little personal)
- 2 Loyal lawmaker
- Need help



Tips to Improve the Experience

P How to talk to your legislator

- Tell them real life stories
- In Know funding capabilities
- Show them statistics
- How to be heard
 - They receive SO many emails
 - They have interns answer their phone
 - They are being broadcast to ALL of the time
 - Etters actually work!
 - I Let them know who you are



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If you have any questions prior to or following each session, please submit them through this <u>Google Form</u>

NNCC EVENTS

Module 2: Thursday, April 28 , 2022 1:00-2:30 pm ET Grassroots Advocacy: Informing Stakeholders and Testifying for Policy Change



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NNCC PROGRAMMING AND RESOURCES

- Webinar Series: Strategies for Increasing Vaccination Coverage Among Immigrant and Refugee Communities
- Friday, April 22 @ 1PM ET
- Register <u>here</u>



Be a part of history.

This toolkit was created to give nurses the tools to do their part in the national vaccine effort. It is designed to help you decrease vaccine hesitancy and increase vaccination rates in your community.

NNCC PROGRAMMING AND RESOURCES

- For other training opportunities check out our resource library and trainings.
 <u>https://nurseledcare.phmc.org/</u>
- Last month we hosted a Social Media and Media Training Workshop available in our resource library to share best practices when interacting with the news media and engaging on social media.
- This was also part of our effort to promote NNCC's Nurses Make Change Happen Campaign. For more information check out our Vaccine Confidence Toolkit:

https://vaccinetoolkit.phmc.org/



