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Diabetes in the Classroom is Subject of Sept. 19 Seminar

Seminar at St. Luke's Hospital Assists School Administrators, Faculty & Staff

Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 10, 2009 – With the reduction of services and staff that many schools are facing this fall, responsibility for overseeing classroom care of students with type 1 diabetes may be falling to teachers, many of whom are unprepared for these duties. But faculty and administrators can learn how to support their students and respond appropriately when problems arise, through a one-time program offered by the Diabetes Youth Services (DYS) and the Toledo Area Chapter of the American Association of Diabetes Educators (TAC-AADE).

The ABCs of Diabetes in the Classroom will be presented Saturday, Sept. 19 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the auditorium at St. Luke's Hospital, 5901 Monclova Rd., Maumee. The seminar is designed for school administrators, teachers and staff to help them create a safe and supportive environment for students with diabetes.

Most students with diabetes are now on regimens that require supervision throughout the school day for testing blood sugars, interpreting the results, discerning how much to eat and how much insulin to take throughout the school day. This requires a much higher level of knowledge about diabetes and responsibility for school personnel. As the national economy struggles, many schools have eliminated nurses, and medical duties fall to teachers, office staff and principals.

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“This program is designed to help schools put their arms around a child’s care, and work with families more effectively,” said Robin Condon, DYS medical program director. She will be presenting at the seminar, along with Michelle Cleland, pediatric nutritionist, and clinical psychologist Joelle Floriana.

To register for the ABCs of Diabetes in the Classroom seminar Sept. 19, call the DYS office at 419.887.8739 or visit www.dys4kids.org and click on “ABCs of Diabetes in the Classroom.”

The Toledo Area Chapter of the American Association of Diabetes Educators is a local professional organization with national affiliation for diabetes educators. The group’s mission is to deliver education to patients and professionals regarding self-management of diabetes and the prevention of complications.

Diabetes Youth Services is a local, independent non-profit organization that provides educational and supportive services for youth with diabetes, their families, their schools, and communities throughout NW Ohio and SE Michigan. Services are sustained through individual, foundation, and corporate charitable contributions. All programs are staffed by certified diabetes educators, including volunteers from the TAC-AADE. For more information about DYS, visit our website at www.dys4kids.org or call 419-887-8739.

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