

History of School Nursing

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Nursing History

- Allows education not training
- Professional identity
- Methodological research skill
- Context evaluation information
- Cognitive flexibility
- Roots in public health



Public Health Nursing

- Influenced religion & politics
- Public health concerns
- School nursing (SN) outgrowth public health nursing
- Early hospitals
- Early nursing undesirable occupation
- Florence Nightingale




Europe School Health Programs

- New public health issues
- Organized public health agencies
- Medical inspections



Nursing Services

- Nursing services
- Investigate nutritional status
- Attend minor ailments
- F/U home visits



U.S. School Health Services

- Medical Inspections
- Nursing services
- Lillian Wald
- Henry Street Settlement




Lina Rogers

- Month-long project New York City schools
 - Daily visits four schools
 - Provided treatments
 - Home visits
 - Detailed records
 - Careful notes home visits
- Appointed school nurse by Board of Health
- Project expanded across U.S.




SN Role Development

- Nursing services
- 3 phases development
 - I. Medical inspections
 - II. Medical examination
 - III. Medical inspection, examination, & health education




Conflicting Expectations

- Role confusion
- Organizations defining role
- SN supervision
- School nurse-teacher



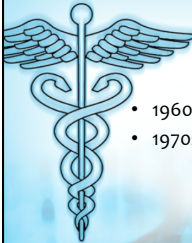
Evolution Role SN

- 1930s
- 1940s
 - Four SN services
 - Advise school administrators
 - In-service for teachers
 - Interpreting school health data
 - Home visits



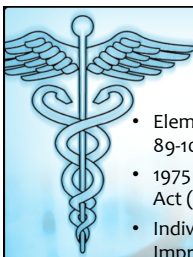
Adapting to Changes

- Delegation of care
- Student health councils
- 1950s




Changes

- 1960s
- 1970s



Students w/ Special Health Conditions

- Elementary and Secondary Education Act (PL 89-10) of 1965
- 1975 Education of All Handicapped Children Act (PL 94-142)
- Individuals w/ Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA, 2004; PL 108-486)
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (PL 93-112)
- Family Education Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)



21st Century

- State laws vary
- SN define practice
- Current issues pursued similar 1900s
- Baccalaureate degree



Questions??
