

## The role of a school nurse in handling children at risk

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A child is born on earth and inherent to his/her existence are fundamental rights in order to survive.

Children's rights includes their right to association with both parents, human identity as well as the basic needs for physical protection, food, universal state-paid education, health care, and criminal laws appropriate for the age and development of the child, equal protection of the child's civil rights, and freedom from discrimination on the basis of the child's race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, disability, color, ethnicity, or other characteristics.

Somehow, oftentimes these rights are overlooked and neglected hence, child protection must be imposed religiously. From the different Stages of Development a child passes through in his/her life, he/she encountered many challenges and trials that are sometimes inevitably unfriendly and unacceptable to them. One of which is child abuse in any setting.

Child abuse cases in schools both in primary and secondary level are tremendously arising. A number of cases had been recorded and presently increasing to an alarming proportions.

Child abuse in schools are reported cases of violence against children caused by school officials and some abuses incurred at home caused by parents, siblings, relatives, house helpers and neighbors for that matter.

The reported cases of abuse in schools include but not limited to physical, verbal, emotional, acts of discrimination and in most cases sexual abuses. These are cases when not properly addressed may result to traumatized learners that might result to a low level performance in schools. These abused children when left unattended would turn out to be learners with low self-esteem, fear, anger, helplessness and

low morale.

Interventions such as the use of positive non-violent discipline in all primary and secondary schools must be a mandatory act.

A school nurse is one personnel in school that would help intensify the proper interventions through quality nursing service. One of their major role is to safeguard school children from various forms of conditions that would greatly affect their physical, social, psychological and mental development. The holistic development of a school children plays an important role in his/her academic performance and his/her ability to be molded into an ideally kind, responsible, sociable, talented and God-fearing unique individual.

A school nurse knowledge, skills and ability will serve as a guide in handling children at risk. The tender love and care that they possess is a commitment towards addressing the different kinds of harassment to school children.


The study aimed at protecting the school children by providing them health services of a dedicated school nurse that would help them achieve their greatest potential, elevate their level of performances and sustain great achievements in order to make them a good and productive member of the society.

The world is fast changing. Development of a person is being greatly challenged. A child who is nurtured and cared properly would come out to be a full grown responsible person and in turn can contribute to the welfare, progress and stability of the country and become a globally competitive individual.

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