FOOD ALLERGY and SCHOOL TEAMS
WHERE TO START?

CLINIC TEAM
- Diagnosis from healthcare provider
- Provides completed food allergy emergency care plan by nurse or physician
- Provides current and complete school medication forms by nurse or physician
- Specifies necessary medical accommodations & restrictions
- Specifies levels of known tolerated exposure to diagnosed food allergens
- Physician, clinical nurse educator and/or clinical nurse case manager may provide input if 504 plan needed for student
- Clinical nurse educator, clinical nurse case manager or physician may provide school staff food allergy and anaphylaxis education if no school nurse available
- Physicians and clinical nurses screen for signs of bullying and collaborate with school team as needed to support student
- Clinical nurse educator, clinical nurse case manager and/or physician serve as clinic connector with school team to maximize continuity of care and student safety

SCHOOL NURSE
- Coordinates, prepares, implements & evaluates individualized school health plans in collaboration with parents/student, clinic team & school personnel
- Considers student, staff and building differences
- Provides staff education on food allergy & anaphylaxis
- Consults on 504 planning if needed for student
- Writes and/or collaborates on letters to school parents about food allergen restrictions
- Consults on safety of field trips & necessary risk management
- Provides food allergy awareness education to students
- Screens students for signs of bullying and enforces school bullying policy
- Collaborates on creating, implementing & evaluating school food allergy policy
- Provides oversight of non-licensed assistive personnel
- Directs student health services and monitors routine and emergency medications
- Manages and treats anaphylaxis
- Coordinates, supervises and evaluates school anaphylaxis practice drills
- Promotes supportive school culture and tone

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
- Collaborates on creating, implementing and evaluating school food allergy policy
- Promotes supportive school culture and tone
- Oversees resource allocation to school team members implementing individualized student health plans and anaphylaxis preparedness measures
- Informs outside groups utilizing school property of necessary food allergen restrictions and monitors cooperation
- Enforces school bullying policy
- Collaborates, or identifies designee, to promote connection with local emergency response teams
- Writes and/or collaborates on letters to school parents about food allergen restrictions
- Collaborates with school food service staff, custodians, bus drivers and teachers to support necessary medical accommodations
- May participate in, or identify designee, for 504 planning if needed for student
- Provides oversight of substitute teachers and their implementation of medical accommodations

TEAMWORK & EFFECTIVE ONGOING COMMUNICATION IS KEY

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Please note: these lists are not exhaustive and do not include all members of a school team. Responsibilities of clinic team members, school nurses and administrators may vary.