



Project S.A.V.E. Heart-Safe Schools

Project S.A.V.E. (**S**udden Cardiac Death: **A**wareness, **V**ision for Prevention and **E**ducation) is a consultation program provided by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, for schools in Georgia.

This program is affiliated with Project ADAM™ at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Robert Campbell, M.D., Chief of Cardiology, the Children's Sibley Heart Center, is the Medical Director of Project S.A.V.E. Schools that are interested in implementing a program to prevent sudden cardiac death in the school setting can receive onsite or phone consultation and written materials to assist with the process. The Project S.A.V.E. Prevention Manual includes information about preparticipation physicals, awareness and CPR training, funding options, selection of an automated external defibrillator (AED) and policy/procedure guidelines. Schools can also apply for mini-grants to assist with the training portion of program implementation.

Schools in Georgia that complete the checklist for Project S.A.V.E., indicating a quality AED implementation program, will receive a framed certificate of recognition. A sample Public Service Announcement has been prepared so schools can notify their local media and increase public awareness of the school's efforts. These schools will receive updates, in the form of e-newsletters and new information on AED funding and laws, research, recalls, updates in training, etc. Schools will also receive a DVD that can be used

for staff awareness training. All consultation and recognition is provided free of charge to schools in Georgia, with the generous support of the Children's Miracle Network.

Schools that implement a program to prevent SCD are recognized by Children's as heart-safe schools. Heart-safe schools participate in important statewide and national research on prevention of sudden cardiac death by completing a confidential incident report. The report will be sent to Project S.A.V.E. staff whenever an AED is used in an emergency. Whenever a school has used its AED in an emergency, Project S.A.V.E. will replace or reimburse for replacement of electrode pads for the AED.

It is our goal to have all schools in Georgia participating with Project S.A.V.E. so we can help prevent sudden cardiac death. For more information, contact Alison Ellison, R.N., N.C.S.N., Project S.A.V.E. Coordinator, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

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