

School In-Services

By Rueleen Lavergne, RN, Quality Assurance Nurse *Horizons in Hemophilia*, Fall 2008

HoG offers school in-services because it is important that teachers and school officials feel comfortable with what to do for a bleeding problem, instead of calling 911 for a minor problem or, at the other extreme, failing to let you know about important concerns about your child's health. Even if your child is returning to the same school, he/she might have a new teacher(s) or a new school nurse. They may just need reminders of what to do to prevent bleeding problems and how to respond appropriately when they do have a problem.

If your child is going to a new school or pre-school or transitioning to middle school or high school, please give them a copy of your child's Bleeding Action Plan and invite the Hemophilia of Georgia (HoG) outreach nurse to contact the school to schedule an in-service about bleeding disorders. If your child has had surgery or has any other issues of concern that we need to educate school teachers and ancillary staff about, prevention is always better than responding to an urgent problem.

Please check with the school and ask for the contact person and telephone number to help us schedule the in-service. As always, please fill out the HoG form for permission to contact the school for an appointment on behalf of your child. We want children to succeed in school and make good grades, and that includes being in a safe environment where they can be treated adequately and early for any bleeding problems.