# Safe Kids WW: Childhood Injury Prevention Conference June 21, 2013

Educational Program on the Safe Use of Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medicines targeting Middle School Children











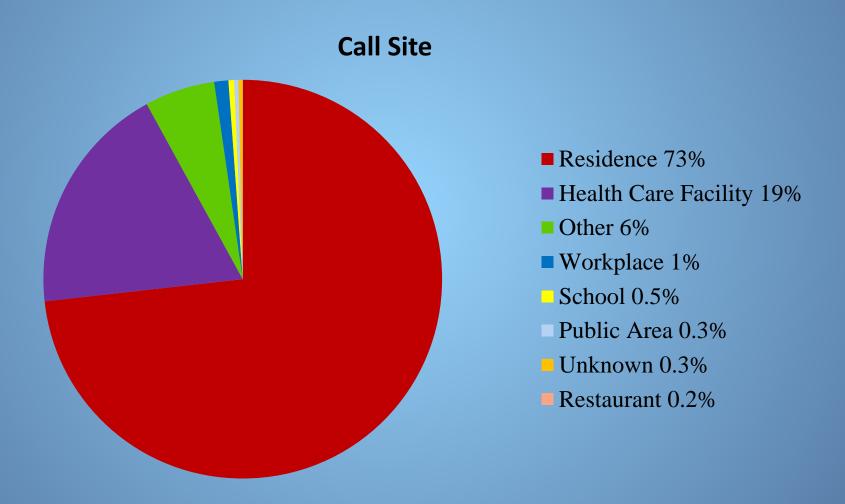
# America's Poison Center Network





1-800-222-1222

# Calls to Poison Centers



### Value of Poison Centers

### Poison Centers Save Money!

Dollars Spent





**Dollars Saved** 

\$13.39

Every dollar invested in the poison center system saves \$13.39 in health care costs and lost productivity.

#### Funding Sources

(in millions)

Federal \$17.1

Private \$35.1

State & Local \$83.8

#### Savings per Funding Source

(in millions)

Federal \$662.8

Private \$873.4

State & Local \$284.2

# Children and Medicine

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- About 130,000 were exposures to medications

Source: 2011 AAPCC NPDS Annual Report



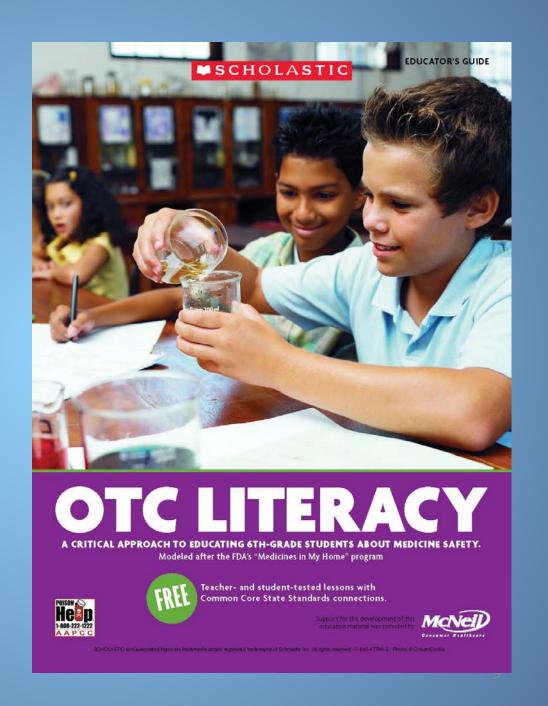


### Adolescents:

- Begin to self-medicate at age 11
- Many think OTC drugs safer than prescription drugs
- ~35,000 ER visits per year for medicine overdose in individuals younger than 18
  - 34% or 10,000/year were caused by adolescents selfadministering OTC medicines



We need to teach safe medicine use BEFORE self-medication behavior starts!



### SCHOLASTIC'S ROLE

For over 92 years, Scholastic has been encouraging the intellectual and personal growth of all children.

- As McNeil's and the AAPCC's education partner, Scholastic is tasked to develop, deliver, and promote the OTC education program in schools.
- Our partnerships leverage Scholastic's high-impact brand name, exclusive distribution channels and proven resources.

Scholastic provides quality, engaging educational content in digital and print formats for the next generation of learners, and the families and educators who guide them.



## SCHOLASTIC'S MULTIPLE TOUCH POINTS

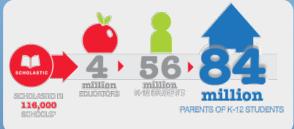
#### Scholastic's Reach

- Scholastic has the largest and most accurate database of teachers' contact information
- Scholastic's educational materials reach through teachers to students and their families









## WHY OTC MEDICINE EDUCATION?

#### **Research shows:**

- In 2011, there were about 300,000 calls to poison control centers in the U.S. involving children six years old to nineteen years old.
- About 130,000 of these calls were exposures to medications. Many involve medicine errors such as:
  - Inadvertently taking more than recommended dose
  - Dosing the medication too frequently
  - Confusing the units of measure
  - Taking multiple medicines containing the same or similar active ingredient at the same time
- Literature shows that children begin to self-medicate around 11 years old.
- Key educational gaps in medicine safety identified as part of McNeil's pilot program "Medicines and Me" which was launched and researched in NJ and PA in 2010 and 2011.



## THE DEVELOPMENT OF "OTC LITERACY"

### Started with a strong model and evolved with iterative research.

The OTC Literacy program is modeled after the FDA's Medicines in My Home program.

Employed learnings from a McNeil Consumer Healthcare pilot, "Medicines and Me." Overall:

- In-classroom pilot program was shown to be effective in educating 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students on the proper use of OTC medicines.
- Differences existed in outcomes between urban and suburban schools in terms of student participation, basic knowledge before program, and improvement after program.
- This pilot project demonstrated that there is a need for educational programs geared towards 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to educate them on the responsible use of OTC medicines.

Guided by industry experts – a roundtable panel of more than 10 professional and consumer advocacy groups helped to shape the final product.

Refined based on qualitative research with teachers and students.

Overall program effectiveness is being evaluated as part of an IRB approved research study – results are being targeted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal in 2014.

# "OTC LITERACY" - GOALS

#### What are the goals?

- 1. Provide teachers and school nurses nationwide with **quality education materials** on responsible medicine use that aligns with **common core standards**.
- 2. Encourage children to talk to their **parents**, **grandparents**, **and families** about what they learned.
- 3. Educate students about responsible medicine use and guide responsible medicine decisions including:
  - ✓ How to use a Drug Facts Label to get the information they need to use medicine responsibly
  - ✓ Importance of reading and understanding the Drug Facts Label
  - ✓ Not using medicines with the same active ingredient at the same time
  - ✓ The dangers of taking medicine irresponsibly
  - ✓ Storing medicines safely



# "OTC LITERACY" - LEARNING OUTCOMES

#### What are the learning outcomes?

- 1. Differentiate between prescription and OTC medicines
- 2. Understand the informational text on the Drug Facts Label
- 3. Recognize unsafe situations involving OTC medicines
- 4. Encourage communication with parents and trusted adults about OTC medicines
- 5. Generate awareness of the **poison help number**, 800-222-1222



"Educating children about medicine safety is essential and can potentially have a lifesaving impact as they start to take more responsibility for their health and medications later in life."

- Debbie Carr, Executive Director at American Association of Poison Control Centers

## ABOUT THE EDUCATION MATERIALS

Based on research that students begin self-medicating around 11 years old, the OTC Literacy program targets 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom, health & PR teachers in addition to school nurses.

TEACHERS introduced the content via common core ready lesson plans, student activities, culminating activities, and assessment tools.

school Nurses supported educators in teaching the content as well as displaying the "What's on the Label?" mini-poster in health offices.

#### PARENTS/GUARDIANS

reinforced the learning at home with resources in the family newsletter.



>> Play Video About OTC Literacy

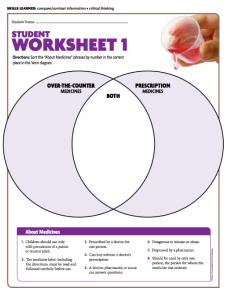
### TEACHER LESSON PLANS

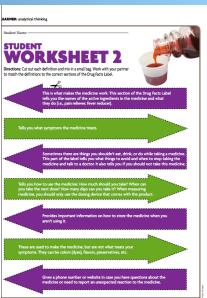
#### A Closer Look at the Content

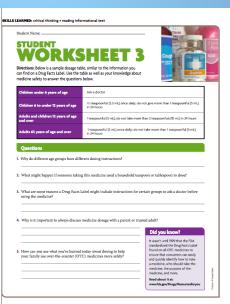
**GOAL:** to create **turnkey**, **common-core-ready**, **lesson plans** that teachers could build into their existing curriculum.

Each lesson plan includes **teacher instructions** that outline a step-by-step recommendation for how to present the lesson/worksheet, in addition to **learning objectives**, and classroom **discussion prompts**.

All lessons are tied to a **CCSS** chart that clearly indicates standards connections.







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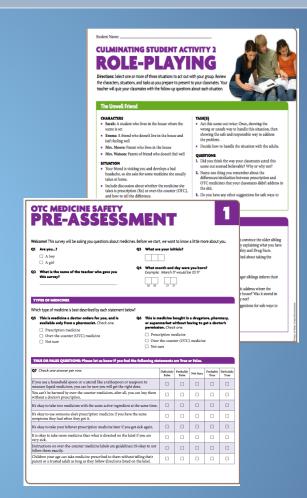
## **ASSESSMENT & CULMINATING ACTIVITIES**

#### A Closer Look at the Content

**GOAL:** to provide **assessment tools** and **summative activities** for teachers to employ at the start and end of the unit.

The **pre and post assessment quizzes** provide insight into the knowledge and misconceptions that students may have about OTC medicine safety.

The **culminating activities** enable students to apply what they have learned to **critical thinking scenarios** and **social role-playing situations.** 



## SCHOOL NURSES & FAMILIES

#### A Closer Look at the Content

#### **GOALS:**

- to support school nurses with a mini poster for school wellness centers and at-home hand-out,
   "OTC Literacy for Your Family" that identifies safety tips and resources
- To reach parents/guardians and grandparents at home with a mini Drug Facts Label poster for the refrigerator along with key dosage and storage facts and tips



## **TESTED BY TEACHERS & STUDENTS**

#### Qualitative Research: The "Educator Phase"

- Initiated during the creative development of the program, the qualitative research involved **teacher focus groups** that were conducted by Crux Research Inc., with participation from Scholastic and AAPCC.
- Groups of educators were recruited to provide suggestions for improving the program, critique the lesson plans, and offer feedback on other elements of the campaign.
- In order to gather feedback on the **effectiveness** and **general impressions** of the lesson plans, the "Student Phase" of the qualitative research included **student focus groups**.

### Quantitative and Qualitative Research: The "Classroom Phase"

- Initiated after the implementation of the educational materials, the qualitative research provided **evaluative information on measuring the success** of *OTC Literacy*, as well as informed the development of the content for the 2013–2014 program.
- It involved an online teacher bulletin board for participating educators, a **pre- and post-program parent study**, and **pre- and post-program questionnaires** given to students.
- Quantitative research results are being targeted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal in 2014.

### THE FUTURE

### What's planned for the 2013/2013 school year?

#### October 2013

68,000 fifth and sixth grade teachers, students, and their families nationwide will receive the OTC Literacy program.

#### **Optimized and New Program Components**

- Refresh to year one content based on quantitative learnings, including lesson plans on the teacher site
- NEW! Parent microsite to spefically communicate with families + 4 new downloadable family activities
- NEW! Education video with self-directed activity for families
- NEW! Digital student magazine
- NEW! Digital interactive assessment quiz

## **SUMMARY & CONTACT US**

Teaching safe and responsible use of medicines is an important education gap in today's schools.

Opportunities exist to leverage the OTC Literacy program through Safe Kids local coalition efforts in or outside of schools.

Learn More: scholastic.com/OTCliteracy

Questions?? Visit us at the Exhibit Hall (Table #49) or email KRecchiu@its.jnj.com

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