

### OURMISSION

To provide superior quality health care to Riverside County residents with a special focus on individuals and populations in need.

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To benefit all residents of Riverside County by serving as an academically affiliated primary, secondary, and tertiary level health care center, with a tradition of superior quality and service.

### OURVALUES

Commitment:	superior service to all
Compassion:	service with respect, dignity and sensitivity
Integrity:	the highest level of ethical and professional conduct
Fiscal Responsibility:	careful use of scarce resources
Quality:	achieve the best outcomes
Safety:	make patient safety the utmost concern
Innovation:	encourage creativity and a willingness to accept new ideas
Collaboration:	value and cultivate teamwork among all staff and outside organizations or groups
Community:	reflect community needs in planning for services
Diversity:	recognize the values and diversity of staff, patients and community



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# Sports and Athletics

Working with Our Community In Keeping Everyone Safe.









## **SPORTS AND ATHLETICS** What are the benefits to being involved in sports or athletics?

- Being active in sports and athletics improves one's physical, social and emotional development.
- It improves coordination, increases self confidence and teaches people to work together as a team.
- Organized sports and athletics take place in schools, public parks, recreation centers and sports arenas.
- Backyards, streets and neighborhood common areas provide opportunities for more casual sports and athletics.

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### HOW CAN SPORTS RELATED INJURIES BE PREVENTED? About 67% of sports related injuries are strains and sprains

- The environment where children play should be properly maintained, (protective ground materials, maintained lawns without gopher holes, etc.).
- Wearing appropriate protective equipment, such as helmets, for each sport activity assures that the athletes are keeping themselves safe.
- Hydration and rest breaks also prevent injuries from occurring.
- Good nutrition and regular check ups keep kids healthier and stronger.
- Always stretch and warm up before any sport or athletic activity.
- Wear the appropriate footwear for that sport or athletic activity.
- Stretching prior to any physical activity can decrease the chances of an injury.
- Knowing and following the rules of any sport, as well as, enforcement of rules by referee's, umpires, and judges can mediate conflicts and prevent injuries.
- Pre-season conditioning and being active year round improves strength, increases endurance and provides some stability of muscle integrity.

# WHAT CAN SCHOOLS DO?

- Develop, teach, implement and enforce safety rules.
- Promote non violence through extra curricular activity program participation.
- Maintain the physical environment to meet safety standards.
- Hire physical education teachers, coaches and other staff members who are trained in injury prevention, first aid and CPR and provide ongoing staff development.

