Preparing Schools to Prevent Sudden Cardiac Death (SCD)

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is the leading cause of death on school campuses and the #1 killer of student athletes.

The CERP template & toolkit were created by a national task force of health and safety organizations to prevent SCD in school communities.

CERPs include:
- CRP/AED trained onsite team
- Written response plan
- Properly installed and maintained AED(s)
- Cardiac emergency response drills
- Communication with EMS and school community

Since 2017, Get Charged Up has provided 47 AEDs to 20 states who implemented Cardiac Emergency Response Plans (CERPs).

66% of schools did not have a dedicated cardiac emergency response plan prior to participating in Get Charged Up.

Nearly 30% of participants reported an SCA had happened at their school.

The program has protected 39,000 hearts plus 1000s more given an estimated 20% of the population is on a school campus each day.

For 55% of schools, this was their first AED.

Sudden Cardiac Death Collaborates with school nurses, health and physical educators to support Cardiac Emergency Response Plans (CERP) in schools.