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Public Health Curriculum Idea - *Case Studies on the Public Health Perspective*

Instructions: Create small groups for the students to work on the following case examples.

Case Study #1: Emergency Medical Team

You've been called to the same school five times in the last month – every time, there has been someone in the gym with an injury. You want to prevent future injuries in the gym. What are you going to do?

What are the questions you need to ask to get started?

Case Study #2: Physicians/Nurses

You work in a hospital in a rural area of northern Minnesota. You notice that you have a high number of high school girls that are delivering babies. You also notice that according to the numbers that the Minnesota Department of Health has given you, a high percentage of your babies are dying after birth. You know you want to prevent the babies from dying - and more importantly, you want to prevent the young girls from having unwanted babies - what do you do?

What are the questions you need to ask to get started?

Case Study #3: Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy/Other technicians

You work in an inner city hospital, in a lower income community. You notice a dramatic increase in a number of young children who are coming into the hospital with broken arms, legs and other injuries. You are alarmed, because it seems that the number has really shot up in the last four weeks. You want to prevent more broken bones - what do you do?

What are the questions you need to ask to get started?

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