



PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE COUNCIL



MINNESOTA 2017 PROGRAM REPORT

EMS FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM TEAM

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EMS FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM LOCATION

[Children's Minnesota](#) (Hospital) in partnership
with the EMS Regulatory Board

EMS for Children [Homepage](#)



Emergency Medical
Services for Children

Resource Center of Minnesota

PUBLICATIONS, PRODUCTS, RESOURCES

- [Procedures for Emergency Care](#) (Revised Mar 2017)
- [Pediatric Communication Aid for Pre-hospital Providers](#) (Revised Oct 2016)
- [Minnesota Pre-Hospital Pediatric Guidelines](#) (Revised Sept 2016)
- [Pediatric Vital Signs](#) (Revised May 2016)
- [Pediatric Surge Primer](#) (Released Apr 2013)

PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS

At a glance

Pediatric Emergency & Trauma Care

- In September 2016, Minnesota EMSC released the latest [ALS and BLS Pediatric Guidelines](#) for pre-hospital providers. These guidelines provide standards that EMS agencies can choose to adopt as protocols or use as a template that they can build upon.

Pediatric Education & Training

- We have provided pediatric high-fidelity simulation training to 300 pre-hospital and hospital-based providers throughout rural Minnesota. All participants rated the training as "Excellent" or "Good." The curriculum is available for educators. The training included the following topics:
 - children with special needs
 - emergency airway
 - pediatric medical
 - pediatric trauma

Pediatric Disaster Preparedness

- In partnership with the Minnesota Department of Health, we created a [Pediatric Surge Primer](#).

Safe Transport of Children in Ambulances

- We are focusing on getting resources and education to all pre-hospital providers on how to safely transport children in ambulances. We are disseminating NASEMSO's [Safe Transport of Children by EMS: Interim Guidance](#) along with the supporting documents of available products and what to do and what not to do when transporting kids.

Community Paramedicine/Mobile Integrated Health

- In 2011, Minnesota became the first state in the U.S. to pass legislation on creating a new certification for emergency medical technicians, known as Community Paramedics. Community Paramedics continue to provide service throughout the state to expand access to health care for all people, especially in rural areas.
 - Community Paramedic Toolkit (released in 2016)

PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS CONT.

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Other

- We provide the following resources to the community:
 - Coloring/Activity Books
 - EMSC Safety Blinking Lights
 - Procedures for Emergency Care - flipchart on how to handle pediatric emergencies for non-medically trained people.