



## PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE COUNCIL



### NEW JERSEY 2017 PROGRAM REPORT

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## PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS

*At a glance*

### Data & Quality Improvement

- Through a partnership with NHTSA, data submitted from multiple State agencies are now capable of being merged; creating a comprehensive pediatric report on crash data, injury, illness and death.

### Disaster Preparedness

- The EMSC program continues to offer *Anticipating the Unexpected: Planning for Emergencies in Child Care Settings*.
  - This program is 90 minutes and offers those that operate centers that care for our children from as young as 6 months through the preschool years on preparing, planning, responding and recovering from disasters.
  - It also discusses options such as shelter in place, evacuate, lock downs, response to violence, child abductions, and many internal/external resources, as well as potential partners to assist in developing and reviewing plans to ensure they're effective and can be made operational.

### Injury Prevention

- Andy the Ambulance™ a remote control ambulance is an innovative and effective way to teach hazard awareness, injury prevention, and promote the EMSC program. Andy is just the right size for teaching children. He can communicate with them at their level; when he moves he is not at all intimidating. The unit is a fully animated safety education robot; he moves, carries on a 2-way conversation, plays music, and activates his lights and siren, all by remote control. The unit can wink, blink, and move his eyes, and with his smiling mouth, he presents a positive and friendly image to the youth that we engage. This unit is used with great success in classrooms, assemblies, mall exhibits, fairs, and other settings where our program is represented. Shaped like an ambulance, he is ideal for the New Jersey EMSC program. Andy is highly visible and has added excitement to our educational programs.



## Education & Training

- Each year the EMSC program provides pediatric education and training to our school nurse, EMT and paramedic population.
  - These training programs focus on best practices regarding the management of critically and chronically ill or injured pediatric patients.
- The ED Education through Simulation program is comprised of one nurse and/or one paramedic, is open to members of the EMSC Advisory Council and monitored by NJ EMSC staff.
  - This program takes pediatric patient human simulators into the emergency departments to record their response to a critically injured or ill pediatric patient. The emergency department staff is typically unaware of the planned exercise, although facility administration is notified to avoid any unnecessary operational disturbances. Additionally, the exercise will not interfere with any patient care activities being conducted by the emergency department staff. This program enables EMSC to not only evaluate the hospital's ability to respond to pediatric emergencies, but also allows for the training of emergency department personnel to maintain the highest level of competency in pediatric emergency management, equipment use and transfer protocols.

## Emergency Care Facility Recognition Program

- Currently all emergency departments are required by regulation to be capable of managing critically ill or injured pediatric patients.
- A more specific designation is being considered for those that provide more advanced care/treatment than the minimum required by regulation.

## Emergency & Trauma Care

- The EMS for Children program has merged with the New Jersey Statewide Conference on EMS in offering multiple pediatric tracks during the three-day event.
  - This educational program has a focus on caring for the critically ill or injured pediatric patient.
  - The audience consists of school nurses, physicians, paramedics and EMTs.
  - This program assists the provider in earning pediatric continuing education credits that are mandated for recertification and address performance measure goals.

### Safe Transport of Children in Ambulances

- In 2014 and 2015 New Jersey's EMSC program conducted free education across the State on securing the pediatric patient during transport in an ambulance. This helped us ensure our EMS providers understood the best practice (NHTSA 2012) on how to transport a pediatric patient in an ambulance.
- The EMSC program is partnered with New Jersey Safe Kids Middlesex County, Middlesex County Sherriff's Office and Safe Kids South Jersey (Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Cumberland and Salem Counties) in conducting regular car seat safety check points. During these events; car seats are provided to those who have expired and recalled seats, as well as seats that are the wrong size, broken or to those who arrive with additional children that should be in a car seat but are not properly secured. This program provides approximately 300 seats each year improving the safety of the pediatric population during transportation in personally operated vehicles.