



PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE COUNCIL



PENNSYLVANIA 2018 PROGRAM REPORT

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EMS FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM LOCATION

[Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council](#)

(independent advisory body to the PA Department of Health and all other appropriate agencies on matters pertaining to EMS)

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SOCIAL MEDIA



PUBLICATIONS, PRODUCTS, RESOURCES

- [Emergency Guidelines for Schools, 2nd Edition](#) (2018)
- [Safe Transport of Children in Ambulances](#) (2018)
- [Pediatric Symposium Webinar Series](#) (Aug 2015)
Now located on PA TRAIN-2017
- [Pediatric Voluntary Recognition Program](#) (June 2015)
- [Concussions: Be Aware, Be Prepared](#) (YouTube Video - Feb 2015)

PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS

At a glance

Children with Special Health Care Needs

- Pennsylvania is currently working with the ERIC Project on providing health and communication ability/information cards on school buses for children with special developmental and/or health care needs in the case of an incident, so that first responders can easily access the information

Data & Quality Improvement

- Pennsylvania currently requires all EMS agencies to be NEMSIS 3.4 compliant

Disaster Preparedness

- EMSC and the PA Bureau of Public Health and Preparedness (BPHP) have established joint working relationships and will continue to work together on projects pertaining disaster preparedness including an upcoming large-scale training

Education & Training

- PA EMSC regularly works within the regions to provide pediatric education and training
 - The EMSC program provides all of the pediatric education on the web-based education platform TRAIN for PA providers to get web based continued education credits
- We have begun a statewide initiative on the safe transport of children in ambulances

Human Trafficking

- Providing some education during the state EMS conference
- There is more in the works on this topic as PA is one of the heaviest human trafficked states

Injury Prevention

- Safe Transport is currently one of our biggest initiatives
- EMSC is also partnering with a regional council office who received a grant from the state to develop and coordinate a statewide safety program with a focus on pediatrics
 - This is currently in the developmental phase

Pediatric Emergency Care Facility Recognition Program

- Have partnered with Rural Health and a major hospital system to pilot a Peds Ready program in eight rural EDs

Pediatric Recognition Programs

- PA has had a voluntary EMS recognition program with over 200 agencies participating and continues to receive enrollment
 - As a result of this program some of the requirements of the program have already been put into regulation (i.e., transport devices)

Pediatric Skills Proficiency

- Developing standards for establishing a PECC and how to incorporate skills proficiency into this role

Peds Ready

- In development: EMSC has partnered with Rural Health and a large hospital system to develop a recognition program that will be piloted in the 8 ED's associated with the hospital system, most of which are rural

Safe Transport of Children in Ambulances

- PA EMSC has started a huge campaign in this topic late 2017 and through 2018
 - We have produced a two-part web-based education model and currently have provided workshops and in person training at four large attendance events in the first months of 2018
 - We are working off a train-the-trainer model to reach every area of the state; This has been a successful and popular program for us so far and is well received among our agencies and providers; We receive requests for training on this regularly