



## PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE COUNCIL



### SOUTH CAROLINA 2018 PROGRAM REPORT

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## PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS

*At a glance*

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### **Data & Quality Improvement**

- The EMS division collects all ambulance run data on pediatric patients.
  - This allows the staff to study injury data by county, region, or statewide.
  - This information assists EMS Providers and educators in determining what educational programs are needed in their area

### **Disaster Preparedness**

- The South Carolina EMSC program created a Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition to help create guidelines for children in the event of a disaster

### **Education & Training**

- Each year the SC EMSC program sponsors the state Pediatric Trauma and Injury Prevention Symposium for healthcare professionals from around the state
- Training:
  - The EMS for Children program works closely with the four regional EMS offices to provide pediatric specialty training courses for personnel in the pre-hospital emergency medical services setting.
  - These courses help EMTs prepare for the special treatment needs encountered during pediatric emergencies.
- Regional Systems of Care:
  - The EMS for Children program has a committee of dedicated physicians, nurses, paramedics, and health care administrators that have developed treatment protocols, updated the state drug list and ambulance equipment list.
  - These professionals also review procedures to determine needed improvements.
  - The committee is developing a system to recognize the special pediatric capabilities of the state's hospitals.

### **Emergency & Trauma Care**

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## **Injury Prevention**

- The EMS for Children program provides materials to EMS Providers, civic organizations, and others involved in health fairs, classroom programs, etc.
  - These materials assist educators in teaching children and adults about a variety of safety and injury prevention issues.
- The program has also assisted in bicycle helmet and child safety seat distribution programs

## **Pediatric Emergency Care Facility Recognition Program**

- SC EMSC has created a basic level system for recognizing the state hospital emergency departments. The working group is currently creating an advanced and comprehensive system