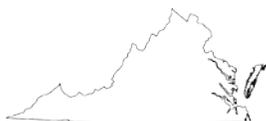




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VIRGINIA 2018 PROGRAM REPORT

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PUBLICATIONS, PRODUCTS, RESOURCES

- **"DARE to Prepare"** (July 25, 2016). Emergency preparedness video for those dependent upon powered medical equipment facing loss of electricity.
 - Contact: [David Edwards](#)

PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS

At a glance

Children with Special Health Care Needs

- Active with Medically Vulnerable Populations workgroup of state hospital association
- **“Dare to Prepare”**--emergency preparedness video targeting those dependent on powered medical equipment at home who face impending loss of power...or other disasters

Community Paramedicine/Mobile Integrated Health

- Virginia Office of EMS office created *“Division of Community Health and Technical Resources”*
- EMSC is a strategic partner in identifying potential initiatives targeting pediatric populations

Data & Quality Improvement

- All Virginia EMS agencies are now required to report in NEMSIS 3.x format (98% compliance)
- Working to increase the volume and accuracy of pediatric data reported (weight in kg., age, vital signs, etc.) and reduce potential pediatric medication errors
- Increasing the presence of GCS documentation for patients transported to trauma centers

Disaster Preparedness

- Established partnership with Emergency Preparedness and the Hospital Preparedness Program to continue assessing and improving hospital pediatric preparedness
- Working (and have worked) with individual hospital regions on pediatric hospital preparedness issues, and on addressing preparedness gaps identified by the "Peds Ready" assessments (a number of hospitals have re-taken their assessment through the online portal as QI exercise)
- Participating in Mass Care Task Force to re-construct state **“Sheltering Plan”**
- Working to sponsor pediatric disaster preparedness training for hospitals, EMS and government

Education & Training

- Dedicated pediatric track at annual **Virginia EMS Symposium** – 1800+ EMS providers annually
- Facilitate regional pediatric education/training (PEPP, ENPC, PALS, etc.) as funding allows—

Emergency & Trauma Care

- Commonwealth designates Trauma Centers: Level 1, 2 and 3 Adult, and Level 1 Pediatric
- Currently there are two Level One Pediatric Trauma Centers (another is in process)
- All licensed hospitals follow trauma triage guidelines to route patients to the appropriate level of trauma center (if indicated). Pediatric criteria are included in these guidelines.
- Currently undergoing stakeholder development of comprehensive **Trauma State Plan**

Human Trafficking

- Awareness and intervention training set for statewide CE conference

Injury & Illness Prevention

- Car seat sticker program, car seat technicians training, avoiding heat stroke in cars, avoiding inhalant abuse, avoiding the “choking game,” recognizing opioid abuse, bicycle, and pedestrian safety, preventing and reporting child abuse, poisoning avoidance, “Stop the Bleed,” and other initiatives with our injury prevention partners are ongoing

Pediatric Emergency Care Facility Recognition Programs

- Continue to provide on-site pediatric ED evaluations to any hospital that requests it
- Work through HPP partnership to lay groundwork for a recognition program

Pediatric Skills Verification

- Education and discussion around need for skills verification (first phase)
- Developing “ready-to-use” CE modules for EMS agencies to use in pediatric skills verification
- Funding of pediatric equipment needed for verification (if needed, as funds allow)

Safe Transport of Children in Ambulances

- 4-year plan to:
 - purchase ambulance child restraint systems for ground ambulances as funds allow
 - provide funding support for NASEMSO standards development project
 - embed use of child restraints (by ambulances) as a shared focus of trauma system stakeholders
 - prioritize state grant funds (for rescue squads) to facilitate procurement of child restraints