



PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE COUNCIL



WEST VIRGINIA 2017 PROGRAM REPORT

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EMS FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM LOCATION

- State Agency
 - Bureau for Public Health
 - [Office of EMS](#)

PROGRAM SOCIAL MEDIA

EMS for Children Website: click [here](#)



PUBLICATIONS, PRODUCTS, RESOURCES

- [Stay Alive, Just Drive](#) (2016)

PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS

At a glance

Pediatric Emergency & Trauma Care

- Always Ready for Kids (ARK):
 - In meeting Performance Measures 74 and 75, West Virginia has developed the Always Ready for Kids (ARK) Project.
 - The goal of ARK is to create an effective and sustainable method to ensure that children who need treatment for life threatening illnesses or injuries have access to appropriate facilities, equipment, and trained personnel. The American Academy of Pediatrics Guidelines for Care of Children in the Emergency Department and the EMSC Guidelines for Care of Children in Emergency Departments are utilized for determining appropriate pediatric equipment. This is placed in an easy-to-follow checklist. Each facility that achieves 100% compliance on “essential” elements and 70% on “desired” elements will receive ARK recognition. Compliance with guidelines is determined through an onsite visit. A site evaluation team consists of a Pediatrician, two nurses, EMSC Coordinator, and others as deemed appropriate. Hospitals receiving ARK recognition will remain valid for a period of three (3) years, at which time a facility has the option of reapplying.
 - To date, seven (7) hospitals have completed site evaluations and received ARK recognition. Currently twenty-four (24) hospitals are in varying levels of ARK site evaluation readiness.

Pediatric Education & Training

- Safe Driving Initiative:
 - As a result of collaborative efforts among the WV EMSC Program, WV Governor’s Highway Safety, and WV Violence and Injury Prevention Program, a safe driving video will be developed. This will be utilized for the education of middle and high school students. It is a hope of the group that this will become a series of educational videos.
 - This video series will tell the story of West Virginians who have endured as a result of a tragedy. This video will be placed on the WV EMSC website and will be made available to EMS agencies, schools, and other organizations to bring about teen driver safety.
- Skillset Video Development:
 - A skillset video has been developed and approved by WVDHHR. It is currently in the duplication phase. A copy of this DVD will be sent to each EMS agencies and will be placed on the EMSC website. The purpose of this video is to address field provider competencies and provide a learning tool for EMS field providers, ultimately, improving patient care to children birth to 18 years old.

Pediatric Data & Quality Improvement

- National Pediatric Readiness Project:
 - West Virginia participated in the National Pediatric Readiness Project. WV received a 100% response rate. Data will be utilized to continue to make progress and identify gaps regarding the Federal EMSC Performance Measures 74 and 75 which ensure that hospitals with an emergency department (ED) to stabilize and/or manage pediatric medical and trauma emergencies.
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 - This program is instrumental in addressing gaps in services to children in the hospital setting such as interfacility transfer agreements/guidelines, review of morbidity and mortality, continuing education requirements of hospital personnel, credentialing of pediatrician, peer reviews of medical records, and existence of appropriate policies are in place regarding the pediatric patient.
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- Reassessment of Performance Measure 73:
 - EMSC worked with the National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center (NEDARC) to develop an online assessment of all WV EMS agencies regarding Performance Measure 73 to assess the percentage of patient care units in the state that have essential pediatric equipment and supplies.
 - This reassessment is complete, with 100% of EMS agencies responding to the assessment.
 - Data collected will be utilized to continue to make progress on essential pediatric equipment and supplies in the prehospital setting.

Pediatric Disaster Preparedness

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Family-Centered Care

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Injury Prevention

- ATV/Child Passenger Safety/Emergency Identification Sticker:
 - The WV Governor's Highway Safety Program (WVGHSP) has become an invaluable partner. Since return of the EMSC Program in West Virginia, the WV Governor's Highway Safety Program now has representatives that attend each EMSC Advisory Committee.
 - The WVGHSP and EMSC Program have now linked information to both websites. Key initiatives have taken place regarding an Emergency Identification Sticker project, child passenger safety, as well as ATV safety.
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- National Association of Search and Rescue - Hug-A-Tree Program:
 - To address wilderness safety in the State of West Virginia, the National Association of Search and Rescue’s Hug-A-Tree Program is utilized to give children rudimentary survival skills in the event they are lost in the wilderness. Thousands of children have been trained in the Hug-A-Tree Program.
 - This program focuses on a video demonstrating the principles behind the program, as well as the proper use of its resources. It encourages children who are lost in the woods to stay in one place, to “hug a tree” in order to be better found by search and rescue workers, and instructs them on how to stay safe, warm, and make themselves visible to search and rescue workers.
 - Kits are distributed with an orange trash bag for shelter and warmth, a whistle with an LED light, a lanyard, and a mirror to reflect sunlight to attract attention from a great distance. Educational material to accompany the kit and video was also distributed and included activity books, pencils, crayons, pamphlets and flyers.

Pediatric Emergency Care Facility Recognition Program

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