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Upcoming events

ongoing	Ohio EMS Public Safety Training Campus (online, look for courses labeled WBT900 and higher)
11/11/2023	EMS Mgmt of Shock in Pediatric Patient Hands-On Skills (Akron)
11/20/2023	WRAP-EM quarterly webinar - PECCs in EMS agencies and EDs (online)
11/28/23 - 11/30/23	National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference (Las Vegas)
12/01/23 - 12/03/23	ACS Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) Conference (KY)
12/2/2023	PALS Provider/Renewal (Columbus)
12/14/2023	EMS Mgmt of Shock in Pediatric Patient Hands-On Skills (Akron)
12/05/23 - 12/07/23	Virtual ENPC, version 6 (online)
01/08/24 - 01/14/24	NAEMSP Annual Meeting (Austin, TX)
01/16/24 - 01/14/24	Virtual ENPC, version 6 (online)
1/31/2024	Deadline for 2023 Ohio EMSC Pediatric Clinical Saves Award Nomination submissions
3/1/2024	Inaugural Ohio EMS for Children Conference [for ED and EMS personnel] (Columbus)

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Welcome to the first issue of the new Ohio PECC Newsletter!

This newsletter will be sent out on a quarterly basis and will contain information pertinent to the prehospital and hospital-based emergency care of children throughout Ohio and the world. We will be sure to include upcoming events, educational opportunities, and resources to support your hard work and dedication to pediatric emergency care in the Buckeye state! In the following pages you will discover more about the Ohio EMSC State Partnership Program, learn about the role of the Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) role and more.

We welcome any requests for specific content and would be more than happy to share any pediatric-specific emergency care news and education going on throughout Ohio. Please reach out to OhioEMSC@nationwidechildrens.org with any content requests or with items to be included. You can also reach us via the (currently being updated) [Ohio EMSC PECC webpage](#), where you will also be able to locate these newsletters.

We also want to feature our EMS agencies and emergency departments! Please share your photos with us. We would love to share any pediatric related work and/or accomplishments with everybody.



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Ohio Emergency Medical Services for Children

Working to ensure high-quality pediatric emergency care for seriously sick and injured children in Ohio

Children are not small adults. They have different physical, emotional, and psychological needs and responses than adults. Equipment, supplies, and medication dosages must be available for children of all sizes during emergencies. Optimal pediatric emergency care also necessitates well-defined pediatric treatment protocols and procedures.

The Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program, established in 1984, is the only federal grant program specifically focused on addressing the distinct needs of children in prehospital and hospital emergency medical systems. It works to ensure that seriously sick or injured children have access to the same high-quality pediatric emergency health care, no matter where they live, go to school, or travel in the United States.

Pediatric Readiness is ensuring that every EMS agency and emergency department has the pediatric-specific champions, competencies, policies, equipment, and other resources needed to provide high-quality emergency care for children. **Ohio EMSC** is a collaborative effort to ensure children in Ohio receive the best possible emergency care and to assist our prehospital systems and emergency departments in becoming pediatric ready.

Our role

- **Collaborate** with statewide pediatric emergency care agencies and organizations
- **Expand** and improve the quality of pediatric emergency care
- **Build** and sustain a comprehensive statewide EMSC program in Ohio
- **Support** and develop Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators (PECCs) in Ohio
- **Focus** upon attaining federal Performance Measures standards and Pediatric Readiness



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What is a PECC???



A Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) is:

An individual(s) who is responsible for coordinating pediatric specific activities. A designated individual(s) who coordinates pediatric emergency care need not be dedicated solely to this role; it can be an individual(s) already in place who assumes this role as part of their existing duties. The roles/duties can vary depending upon the setting:

- [EMS Agency](#)
- [Emergency Dept. Nurse](#)
- [Emergency Dept. Physician](#)

...but why?

Most children seen in the ED initially present at a general ED. Studies and surveys have shown that general EDs with both nurse and physician PECCs are strongly associated with higher [PediatricReadiness](#). Prehospital research is ongoing, but it is expected that PECCs have a similar impact upon EMS agencies. You can find this [Joint Policy Statement](#) about EMS PECCs in *Pediatrics*.

...ok, how?

You can register as a PECC on the [Ohio PECC Website!](#) More information is also available in the [PECC domain](#) of the EIC website.

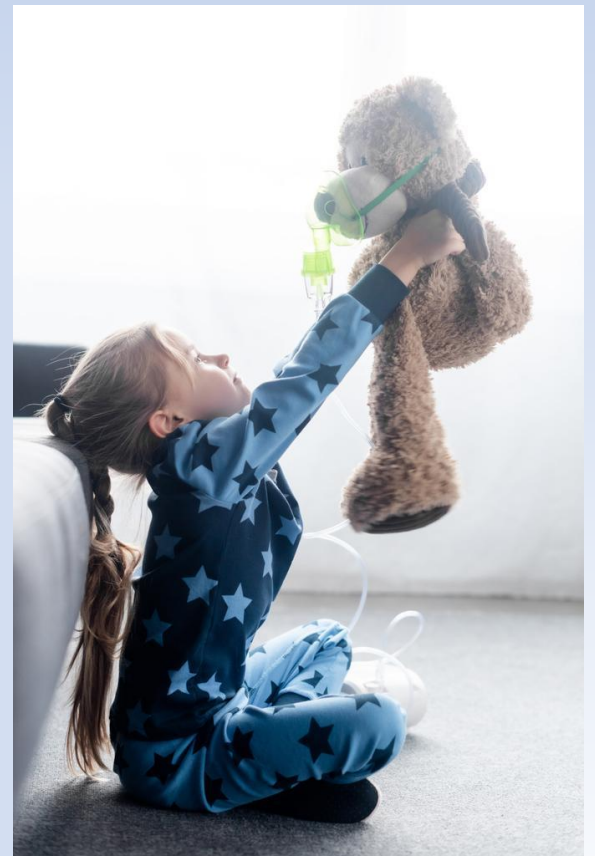


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Are you ready for a pediatric respiratory viral surge?

Last winter we saw a viral illness “triple-demic” which overwhelmed pediatric centers throughout the country. Several resources are available to help facilities prepare for a similar surge this season:

- Pediatric Pandemic Network’s (PPN’s) [Pediatric Preparedness for the Winter Viral Surge](#)
- PPN’s [Hospital Surge Recommendations and Resources for Pediatric Care](#)
- Nirsevimab (Beyfortus): [FAQs for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- Empowering Parents and Providers: [A Comprehensive Resource Guide for RSV Management with Nirsevimab](#)
- WRAP-EM: [Pediatric Surge Playbook](#)





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Children and Disaster Preparedness

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Pediatric Pandemic Network (PPN), children have unique vulnerabilities and responses to disaster(s) which are often not accounted for in EMS or hospital disaster plans. The AAP states that “The underlying principle of pediatric disaster preparedness is to ensure that the medical and psychological needs of children are met during and after disaster events.”

The AAP Pediatric Disaster Preparedness and Response Topical Collection offers several policy statements and resources for integrating pediatric concerns into disaster plans. You can [read more here. . .](#)



Click [here for the AAP Disaster and Children website.](#)

Additional [pediatric disaster preparedness resources](#) from the PPN

[Be Ready... Toolkit for Families of Children and Youth with Disabilities and Medical Needs](#)
from Region V for Kids





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2024 Ohio EMS for Children Conference



The Ohio EMSC invites all prehospital and emergency department emergency care providers to our inaugural Ohio EMS for Children Conference on March 1, 2024 in Columbus, Ohio. There will be morning discussions, lunch will be provided followed by the Ohio EMSC Clinical Saves Award Program. The afternoon will consist of breakout sessions. Info and registration available at <https://nationwidechildrens.cloud-cme.com/course/courseoverview?P=5&EID=30322&IsExhibitor=false>

In partnership with



Are you a PECC for your organization, or will you be becoming one? Email

OhioEMSC@nationwidechildrens.org for a registration discount code!





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Ohio EMSC Pediatric Clinical Saves Award Program

Hey, do you know a pediatric
superhero?

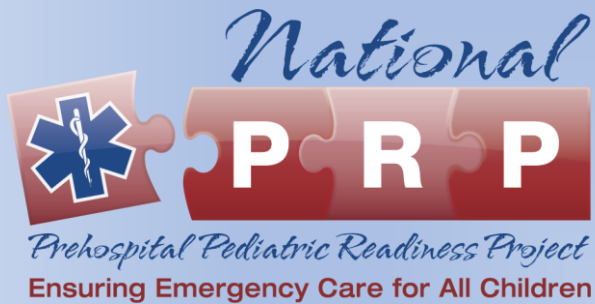
Nominate
them now!



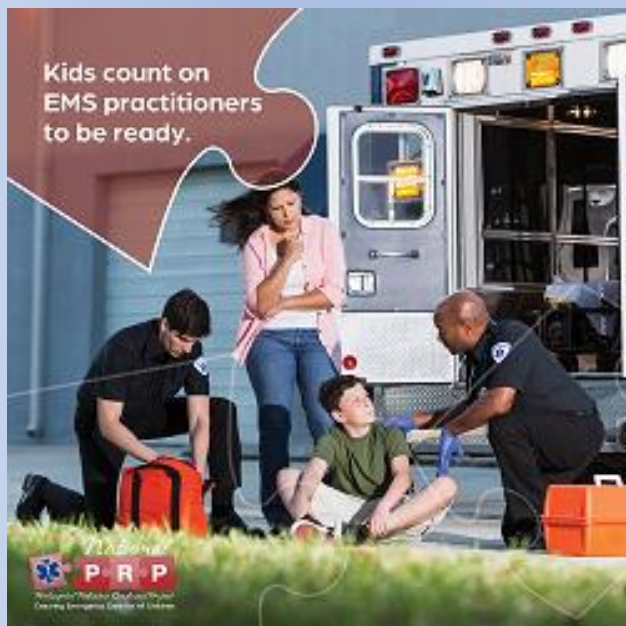
- Recognizes EMS and ED teams who had a positive impact on a critically ill or injured child
- Awards presentation at the 2024 Ohio EMSC Conference
- Nominate teams by:
 - Scanning QR code above
 - Email: OhioEMSC@nationwidechildrens.org
 - Visiting our website at:
<https://emscimprovement.center/state-organizations/ohio-pecc/annual-ohio-emsc-pediatric-clinical-saves-award-program/>



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The National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project—an initiative of the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program that aims to improve prehospital care for children across the country—has launched two foundational pediatric resources: an EMS Agency [Checklist](#) and [Toolkit](#). The project is a multiphase, multiyear effort that is supported by a Steering Committee composed of 27 national organizations/associations, federal partners, EMSC grantees, and other experts. The two-page checklist is based on the 2020 joint policy statement, “[Pediatric Readiness in Emergency Medical Services Systems](#),” and the toolkit provides resources to help agencies address any gaps in pediatric readiness. The project parallels the emergency department-focused National Pediatric Readiness Project and will develop a voluntary, nationwide prehospital assessment, which aims to launch in 2024. [Learn more about the project here.](#)





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Resources and contacts

[Ohio PECC Website](#)

[Registration for 2024 Ohio EMS for Children Conference](#)

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[EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center](#)

[National Pediatric Preparedness Project](#) (Hospital)

[Prehospital Pediatric Preparedness Project](#) (EMS)

[Pediatric Pandemic Network](#)

[Region V for Kids \(ASPR\)](#)

[Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program](#)

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