



New Mexico Child Ready Program Releases Publically Available Android Application Home Safety Tool

The New Mexico Child Ready Program, a State Partnership Regionalization of Care (SPROC) Program, is pleased to announce the *free* release of the **Child Ready Home Safety App** for Android phones and devices, available on Google Play, using hotlink words: “child ready home safe” or via the [web](#).

The application was internally developed by the *Child Ready* team under the direction of Joan Caldwell, RN, who has greater than 30 years of pediatric nursing experience and more than 10 years of digi-

tal design and production experience. By selecting the app icon (to the left), it opens to a floorplan of a home and environs. The user then selects areas of the home where various potential childhood injury situations are illustrated and explained. Recommendations for preven-



tion are also provided. The app is intended as an educational and injury prevention tool for a wide audience. It will be evaluated with parents and health educators (e.g. Community Health Workers).

The NM *Child Ready* Program uses a community participatory approach to the regionalization of care with the intent of helping entire communities become “child ready” for the acutely ill or injured child regardless of where the emergency

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Preparing for New EMSC Performance Measures?

A webinar, presented by HRSA on September 12, 2016 introduced the [New EMSC Performance Measures](#) that begin in March of 2017. The webinar’s purpose was to clearly describe each of the new EMSC Performance Measures and the data collection requirements scheduled to begin on March 1, 2017.

Presenters included: Moderator Jocelyn Hulbert from HRSA; Brooke Lerner PhD, the Principle Investigator of the Charlotte, Houston, Milwaukee PreHospital EMS (CHaMP) Research Node of PE-CARN; and Brian Moore MD, an Associate Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of

New Mexico and the former New Mexico State EMS Medical director. Ms. Hulbert reviewed the history behind the new measures and the specifics of each measure. Dr. Lerner discussed the value of the NEMSIS v.3x measure. Finally Dr. Moore reviewed the importance of the presence of a PECC (pediatric emergency care coordinator) within EMS agencies and the value of skill checking for EMTs and paramedics on the use of pediatric equipment.

Additional resources will be posted on the [Measurement page of the EIIC website](#) in coming weeks. Keep an eye out as we update the site.

My Days as an EMSC State Partnership Grantee — Never the Same! —A recurring series

The activities of an EMSC State Partnership (SP) Grantee are NEVER the same, by day or by location. Over the next few issues, the EMSCPulse will feature a Sate Partnership Program Manager describing typical activities in their territory. The first statement comes from Marlene Carbullido, MSN, RN, Guam EMSC Program Manager.

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EMSC Resources — Sharing great work!

- **SPROC Grantee — University of Pittsburgh**, Office of Research, Office of the Provost & PI Jeremy Kahn, MD, MS worked to describe the use of telemedicine in the pediatric emergency space. They have published:
 - ◊ an article in *Pediatric Emergency Medicine* entitled "[Clinician Attitudes Toward Adoption of Pediatric Emergency Telemedicine in Rural Hospitals](#)" and
 - ◊ a webinar "[Pediatric Emergency Telemedicine: a Primer](#)". The Webinar provides **0.5 hours CME/provider CEUs through December 2, 2016**.
- Need some knowledge in how to leverage use of social media during a disaster? See **free online training** from National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP) at Columbia University funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. See <http://ncdp.columbia.edu/microsite-page/visualizing-social-media/home/>
- The American Academy of Pediatrics has compiled a multitude of resources designed to assist in **Promoting Adjustment and Helping Children Cope after Disaster and Crisis**. See the [AAP site](#) for content.

Save the Date!

- ◊ **National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC)** meeting on Dec 1-2, 2016 in Washington, DC. *Public comment periods* are scheduled at every meeting, and many new advisories will be discussed. More information and final meeting location will be available at <http://www.ems.gov/nemsac-meetings.html>
- ⇒ The **Annual Midyear Atlantic EMSC Meeting** is in Washington DC on December 5, 2016. A conference line will be available for those not able to be present. Contact [Cyndia Wright Johnson](#) for more information.
- ⇒ **National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference** will be in Washington DC December 13 & 14, 2016. Registration information can be found on the [web](#).

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occurs in the community (e.g. schools, stores, EMS, clinics, emergency departments). Facilitated community stakeholder self-assessments were used by the team. Self-assessment participants identified two initiatives to help their own community become child ready;

- telehealth directed care and
- injury prevention activities.

The development of the *Child Ready Home Safety App* was a result of this community approach to the regionalization of care. The team is also in the process of building a Virtual Child Ready Pediatric Emergency Department Telehealth Network which will offer consultation and co-management of children in rural EDs as well as Pediatric Emergency provider education over the network.



Please feel welcome to share this **FREE** app to help prevent childhood injury in and around the home. Please contact [Robert Sapien, MD](#) with questions about the tool.

Welcome to the EMSC

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By Marlene Carbullido, MSN, RN, SP Program Manager, Guam

Hafa Adai from Guam! I was introduced to the EMSC program in 2001 as a family advocate after years of caring for my now 17 year old daughter, born with vocal cord paralysis. As a newborn, she required a tube to help her breathe. Her specialty care necessitated frequent travel to Hawaii and Cincinnati. As Guam's Family Advocate, I presented at national and regional meetings. In 2011, I became the EMSC Program Manager of Guam. My focus is on improving health services for children with a personal interest in children with special health care needs. I have advocated both breastfeeding and implementation of the Special Needs Identification Program (SNIP), an emergency notification system for healthcare providers. I also formed "Christiana Cares"- a support group for parents.

My days include collaborating with my Pacific Islands EMSC Partners (PIER) colleagues to address common challenges *i.e.* frequent disasters, lack of pediatric specialty care, and partnering with commercial airlines for emergency transfer. PIER partners have successfully developed a telemedicine program for US territories in the Pacific; now used to make available remote pediatric specialty care for Pacific Island children.

The Pacific Islands are well known for disasters (typhoons, earthquakes and threats from North Korea). Planning/

conducting drills and training for mass casualty events remain an important part of my role. Multidisciplinary teams comprised of parent volunteers, social workers, local and federal government and law enforcement, and Primary Care Centers are included in these drills. Teams have been activated during typhoon shelter coverage, epidemics and mass gatherings in recent times. Current provider challenges result from a lack of trauma centers and transfers among the three ED's. As a result the EMSC program initiated inter-facility transfer meetings and development of ambulance diversion, transfer and bus crash incident policies.

As the Guam EMS Office Acting Administrator, I assure Guam's 250 EMTs are nationally certified through the National EMT Registry which requires assuring availability of pediatric continuing education for EMS; thus the Guam EMSC Program plans and provides an annual EMS conference. The office is also responsible for assuring EMT compliance with defined protocols, including administration of nebulizer treatments, blood glucose screening, administering emergency medications, and use of CPAP. As a public health nurse, I advocate for primary prevention, community based participatory research, and continuing education. As a mother and daughter of Guam, I strive to improve health services for my children, grandchildren, and generations to come.

We need your help! To ensure that we do a good job of visually disseminating activities of all EMSC Grantees, we need your help. Please send us photos that we are freely available to use in this newsletter showing the entire continuum of care (disaster prep, prehospital, etc.). Send to [the EIIIC for use](#).



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