

Content Coaches



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KANSAS



COLORADO

- IL EMS for Children (EMSC) Manager since 1994
- Coordinates the development, implementation and administration of pediatric emergency care and disaster preparedness initiatives within Illinois
- Involved in Pediatric Facility Recognition in Illinois since planning began in 1995, with implementation/roll-out in 1998
- To date, 110 hospitals are formally designated by the Illinois Department of Public Health through a 3-tiered Facility Recognition Program
- Key components instrumental in successfully implementing and sustaining this program include:
 - Early and continued support from key organizations/partners within the state
 - Implementing a voluntary program gradually integrated into state regulations;
 - Designating a committee charged with ongoing oversight and guidance
 - Consistent support by a core group of individuals
 - Maintaining patience since this journey is challenging as well as time/labor intensive but ultimately very rewarding



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Maria Carmen (Maricar) Diaz, MD
Attending Physician, Emergency Medicine
Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children
Co-founder, Nemours Institute for Excellence
Medical Director, Simulation
Chair, Delaware EMSC Advisory Committee



KANSAS

Maricar Diaz, MD

- Uses innovative education, adult learning principles and a variety of simulation modalities to improve patient safety by enhancing care providers' technical, cognitive, and behavioral skills as well as to test and improve new spaces, systems, and processes.
- Chair, Delaware EMSC Advisory Committee
- Helped to coordinate a statewide Pediatric Emergency Care Facility Recognition Program
- Author of several peer-reviewed articles and textbook chapters and has lectured nationally and internationally in the fields of Pediatric Emergency Medicine and Simulation



Aline M. Holmes, RN, MSN, DNP
Senior Vice President for Clinical Affairs
New Jersey Hospital Association in Princeton



CONNECTICUT

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- Responsible for assuring clinical and professional matters impacting NJHA's members are addressed proactively and provides leadership in advancing specific NJHA initiatives
 - Director of the NJHA Institute for Quality & Patient Safety (Institute)
 - Served as the director of the NJHA Hospital Engagement Network, one of 17 CMS funded initiatives to reduce harm and improve care around clinical areas.
 - Prior principal investigator/project director on several patient safety improvement initiatives, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), NJ Health Initiatives and the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey.
 - Co-director of the RWJF funded *New Jersey Nursing Initiative*
 - Chair, NJ Department of Health's Quality Improvement Advisory Council.
 - Involved in the development and implementation of the regulations for NJ emergency departments for the care of children



Joseph Wright, MD, MPH
Professor and Chairman of Pediatrics
Howard University College of Medicine



**DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA**

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- Previously Senior Vice President at Children's National Medical Center
 - Served as state pediatric medical director within the Maryland Institute for EMS Systems
 - Served as principal investigator and medical director of the EMSC National Resource Center
 - Co-principal investigator of the DC-Baltimore Research Center on Child Health Disparities funded by the National Institutes of Health
 - Inaugural chair of the AAP Violence Prevention Subcommittee
 - Chair of the AAP Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine
 - Lifetime achievement honors from the AAP for distinguished contributions in injury prevention and emergency medicine
 - Advisor to several medical organizations including the American Hospital Association, the March of Dimes, the National Academy of Medicine, and a recently completed term as an Obama administration appointee to the Food and Drug Administration's Pediatric Advisory Committee
 - Invited to provide expert testimony before Congress and state and municipal legislative bodies
 - Has made numerous media appearances, lectures widely to both professional and lay audiences, and contributed over 100 publications to the scientific literature



Dale Woolridge, MD, PhD
Professor, Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics
University of Arizona



Florida

- Chair, Arizona State Health Department's Pediatric Advisory Council for Emergency Services (PACES)
- Committee member of the Arizona EMS Advisory Council
- Co- grantee for the Arizona EMSC State Partnership grant and of the Regionalization of Care program to expand the Pediatric Prepared Emergency Care (PPEC) program into more rural and tribal communities within the state and to integrate evidence-based guidelines into clinical decision-making for all participating facilities.
- Current president of the Arizona Chapter of ACEP
- Medical director of the Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center



Jason Silvas, RN
Pediatric Program Coordinator
San Joaquin Community Hospital



- Participates in the development of policies, procedures, competencies and on-going education ensuring the consistent, safe and family-oriented care of all children from the Pre-Hospital setting through to the Emergency Department and Inpatient settings
- Pediatric subject matter expert within the Adventist Healthcare System
- Worked with Kern County EMS to implement a county-wide Pediatric Receiving Center Designation Policy and serves on their Pediatric Advisory Committee.
- Instrumental in the collaboration and adoption of the Regional Pediatric Disaster Surge Framework for Central California

“One of the most unique and yet critical components for achieving success in building a Facility Recognition Program is simply communication between State, County, and local hospitals. We all want what is best for our kids, and we live this every day.”



Jason Silvas, RN
Pediatric Program Coordinator
San Joaquin Community Hospital



Diana Fendya, MSN (R), RN
Hospital Base, State Partnerships, &
Trauma Specialist
EMSC Innovation & Improvement Center



INDIANA

Diana Fendya, RN, MSN

- Focus on improving the emergency system of care for children through hospital-based pediatric readiness and providing assistance to states and the territories as they work on EMS for Children initiatives
- EMSC Program's liaison to national nursing and trauma organizations
- Through her efforts the popular *Inter facility Transfer Tool Kit* was developed collaboratively with the Emergency Nurse Association, the Society of Trauma Nurses and the EMSC Program
- Integral to the EMSC National Resource Center for more than 16 years
- Previous Director and Pediatric Trauma Nurse Specialist for a Level I pediatric trauma center in St. Louis, Missouri.
- Partnered with state leaders and hospitals to bring EMSC grant funding to Missouri
- Publications include "Organized Inter Facility Transfer Processes, an Opportunity to Improve Pediatric Emergency Care" and "Using System Change as a Method of Performance/Quality Improvement for the Emergency Care of Severely Injured Children: Pediatric System Performance Improvement".
- Assisted states in the identification of champion team members, strategic planning, networking, and development of pediatric facility recognition criteria



Vicki Hildreth, BA, EMT-B
Coordinator
Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)
Bureau for Public Health
West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources
Office of Emergency Medical Services



LOUISIANA

- Employed by Logan County Emergency Ambulance Service Authority (LEASA) as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Served in various positions within the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources
- One of 10 honored by the National EMSC Recognition Award for her role in going above and beyond to provide advice, inspiration, and leadership in grant-related matters
- Worked collaboratively to form partnerships that have resulted in securing funds in excess of \$800,000 to continue to improve the healthcare and injury prevention for West Virginia's smallest patients
- Instrumental in developing and implementing the Always Ready for Kids (ARK) program in West Virginia



Steve Krug, MD
Division Head
Emergency Medicine
Children's Memorial Hospital



MICHIGAN

- Serves as the Associate Chair for Quality and Safety for the Department of Pediatrics at Children's Memorial
- Past-chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Past-chair of the AAP's Section on Emergency Medicine
- Chair, AAP's Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council
- Serves as the AAP's liaison to the American College of Surgeon's Committee on Trauma
- Member of the National EMS Advisory Council of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- Member of the Advisory Board for the National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center and has been an active participant within the Emergency Medical Services for Children program at both state and national levels
- Editor in Chief for *Clinical Pediatric Emergency Medicine*



Tomi St. Mars, MSN, RN, CEN
Chief, Office of Injury Prevention
Arizona Department of Health Services



NEW MEXICO

- 25 + years of professional experience that includes EMS, emergency nursing and injury prevention
- Oversees five Federal Grants and manages seven programs
- Under her leadership, established Pediatric Prepared Emergency Care in Arizona
- Inducted into the Academy of Emergency Nursing
- Selected as one of 25 Public Health Nurse Leaders by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Has a deep appreciation for building relationships and networks that support the EMS systems, injury prevention, and the health and safety needs of Arizonans



Marianne Gausche-Hill, MD
Medical Director
Los Angeles County EMS Agency
Professor of Clinical Medicine and Pediatrics
David Geffen School of Medicine

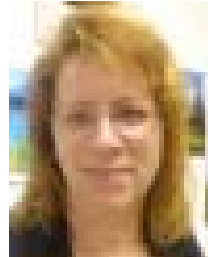


NEW YORK

- Nationally known for her work as an EMS researcher and educator, and for her leadership in the field of EMS and pediatric emergency medicine
- Conducted the first successful prehospital airway management trial for children published in *JAMA* 2000
- Primary Investigator for National Pediatric Readiness Project published in *JAMA Pediatrics* in 2015
- Involved in EDAP development process with one of the initial EMSC grants
- Honored by numerous awards from the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the State of California EMS Authority, and includes the Emergency Medical Services for Children Heroes Award for Lifetime Achievement
- Serves on the American Board of Emergency Medicine Board of Directors



Susan Fuchs, MD
EMS Medical Director
Professor of Pediatrics
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's
Hospital



Robin Suzor
EMSC Program Manager
Montana EMSC, Department of
Public Health and Human Services



OKLAHOMA

Sue Fuchs

- EMS Medical Director and an Emergency Department Attending Physician at Ann & Robert H Lurie Children's Hospital
- Chair, Illinois EMSC Advisory Board and chair of the IL EMSC Facility Recognition and QI subcommittee

"The Illinois Facility Recognition Program Successes are a reflection of broad organizational support and engagement of groups such as the Illinois Hospital Association, AAP, ACEP, ENA, EMS and Ambulance associations and of course the commitment of their program manager (Evelyn Lyons)."

Robin Suzor

- EMSC Program Manager, State of Montana, Department of Public Health and Human Services, EMS & Trauma Systems
- Served as program manager for the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Child and Family Services Division for seven years with Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention, Domestic Violence Shelters, and Child Sexual Abuse Investigation
- Publishes an E-newsletter to increase the communication between the state, hospitals, EMS, and other stakeholders regarding pediatric specific items
- Has many years of experience managing multi-stakeholder collaborations
- Developed, with the help of the MT EMSC/Child Ready MT Advisory Committee, the Montana Pediatric Facility Recognition Criteria
- Collaborates with the Montana Emergency Nurses Association to offer the Emergency Pediatric Nursing Course to Montana registered nurses and with the National Association of EMTs for the Emergency Pediatric Care Course for prehospital personnel



Kathleen Brown, MD

Medical Director & Associate Division Chief for Clinical Affairs
Associate Professor of Pediatrics & Emergency Medicine
Children's National Medical Centers



PENNSYLVANIA

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- Served many roles in the EMSC program since the 1990s
 - Served on the NY state EMSC Advisory Committee
 - Active in both the DC and Maryland EMSC programs
 - Member, PECARN steering committee
 - Worked with Targeted issue grantees and the EMSC NRC on several projects
 - Served as the Medical and Scientific director of the EMSC National Resource Center from 2014-2016
 - Helped develop the Facility Recognition collaborative launched by the NRC
 - Active with national professional organizations including ACEP, AAP, and NAEMSP to promote pediatric readiness



Rhonda Phillippi, RN
EMSC Program Director
Tennessee EMSC
Vanderbilt University



SOUTH CAROLINA

- PI/program manager for TN EMSC
- Executive director of the TN EMSC Foundation
- Recognized nationally for her leadership skills in exceeding the EMSC National Performance Measures
- Serves on NEDARC's Board of Directors
- Tennessee's pediatric facility recognition program for both medical and trauma is one of the longest standing in the nation and is mandated by state statute.
- Unique component of Tennessee's program is the inclusion of parents in developing facility recognition

“Regardless of whether a state wants to accomplish facility recognition through statute or a voluntary program, most of the opportunities and challenges are the same.”



Kate Remick, MD

Executive Lead, EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center
Director, Hospital-Base and Collaboratives
Co-Director, State Partnerships



TEXAS

- Involved in the National Pediatric Readiness Project since its inception: Co-PI for California pilot
- Worked closely with Local EMS Agencies and EDAPs throughout California to assess readiness
- Served on the EMSC National Resource Center Advisory Council and California EMSC Technical Advisory Committee
- Chairs the NPRP Special Interest Group for American Academy of Pediatrics
- Led a QI collaborative to improve pediatric readiness within a regional network of hospitals
- Chair, Texas EMS for Children Advisory Council Facility Recognition Workgroup
- Member, Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council, Medical Director's Committee