

Arkansas Emergency Medical Services for Children Program



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Program Overview



WHY is there such
a **BIG** size
difference in
PEDIATRIC
equipment?

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EMS-Children Program Manager

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EMS-Children Family Representative

Rhonda Fincher

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EMS-Children Background

- ▣ 1984 the U.S. Congress enacted legislation authorizing the use of federal funds for EMS-Children
- ▣ The Health Resource and Services Administration (HRSA) funds the EMS-Children Program through a State Partnership (SP) Grant
- ▣ States and U.S. Territories are eligible to apply for SP grants.
- ▣ EMS-Children is ideally located in State EMS offices.

EMS-Children Mission Statement

The EMS-Children Program is designed to reduce child and youth mortality and morbidity resulting from severe illness or trauma. It aims to:

1. Ensure that state-of-the-art emergency medical care for the ill or injured child and adolescent is available when needed.
2. Ensure that pediatric services are well integrated into the existing state emergency medical services (EMS) system and backed by optimal resources.
3. Ensure that the entire spectrum of emergency services, including primary prevention of illness and injury, acute care and rehabilitation, is provided to children and adolescents at the same level as adults.

Program Goals

(Performance Measures)

- ▣ HRSA requires grantees to report on specific performance measures related to their grant-funded activities.
- ▣ Purpose of EMS-Children State Partnership Performance Measures:
 - * demonstrate national outcome
 - * improve the delivery of emergency care to children.

Summary of Performance Measures

- ▣ On/Offline Medical Direction
- ▣ Pediatric Equipment on Patient Care Units
- ▣ Hospital Recognition for Trauma/Medical Emergencies
- ▣ Interfacility Transfer Guidelines/Transfer Agreements
- ▣ Pediatric Education Requirements during Recertification
- ▣ EMS-Children Advisory Committee with Required Members
- ▣ Pediatric Representation on EMS Board
- ▣ Full time EMS-Children Program Manager
- ▣ Integration of Priorities into State's Statues, Rules, Regulations or other Policy

Arkansas EMS-Children Program Goals

- ▣ Reviewing Ambulance Equipment
- ▣ Hosting / Sponsoring Pediatric Medical Emergency Training
- ▣ Improve EMS Data Activities
- ▣ Improve Community Disaster Preparedness for Children
- ▣ Improve/Develop Pediatric Protocol and Guidelines

EMS-Children Activities

- ▣ EMS-Children Advisory Meetings (held at least four times a year)
- ▣ National EMS-Children Day
- ▣ Pediatric Equipment for Ambulances
- ▣ National EMS-Children Data Analysis Resource Center (NEDARC) Workshops
- ▣ Pediatric Educational Opportunities

EMS-Children Advisory Committee

Required Members

EMS-Children Project Director

Greg Brown, Associate Branch Chief

Emergency Nurse-Pediatric

Dawne Sokora, RN

EMS-Children Program Manager

Jack Hill

EMT/Paramedic

Ronny Russell

State EMS Agency Representative

Ryan Tyler, Data Manager

Emergency Physician

Dr. Tim Calicott

Emergency Physician / Pediatrician

Dr. Mary Aitken

Family Representative

Rhonda Fincher

EMS-Children Advisory Committee

Suggested Members

Ambulance Association

Donna Ward

Fire-base EMS

Bob Hunthrop

Law Enforcement

Ryan Osborne

EMS Training Manager

Danny Bercher, PhD

Recipient of MCH block grant

Iris Fehr, RN

School Nurse

Margo Bushmiaer, MNSc

EMSC Advisory Committee

Suggested Members

Traffic Safety Administrator

Bridget White

State Hospital Association

Bo Ryall

Child Death Review Representative

Martin Maize, BBA

Injury Prevention Representative

Maury Long

EMS-Children Advisory Committee

At Large Members

James Pappas, NREMT-P

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