Establish a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) for your agency today!

A new initiative is being pushed out by the Arkansas Emergency Services for Children (EMSC). Arkansas EMSC is asking each agency to establish a Pre-Hospital Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) in order for EMS providers to feel comfortable and confident in themselves when a pediatric call comes through dispatch. Whether your agency is urban, rural, volunteer or paid, various staffing models can fit your need to establish a PECC!

The Prehospital Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator is responsible for:

A PECC is an individual or individuals who are responsible for coordinating pediatric-specific activities for your agency. Whoever your agency designates as the PECC(s) will be responsible for the following:

1. Being a resource for education on pediatric medications, equipment, and supplies.
2. Promoting and sharing pediatric continuing-education opportunities.
3. Encouraging pediatric simulations/hands on pediatric skills assessments.
4. Encouraging that fellow providers follow pediatric clinical-practice guidelines.

A PECC(s) are more of a resource for enhancing pediatric care within the agency. Therefore the PECC does NOT need to have any special certifications but should be compassionate about promoting and encouraging the members in their agency to practice and be knowledgeable in pediatric emergency care. This could be done by the PECC establishing quarterly pediatric skills training or education sessions within the agency or promoting any pediatric training that your members could go to regionally or statewide. If you have any other questions you can reach out to PECC Program Coordinator Chris Grinder at christopher.grinder@arkansas.gov.

Regional Facilitators are available in your region to help make your agency more "pediatric prepared". To find out who your Regional PECC Facilitator is and for more pediatric related information please do not hesitate to email Kamron Steed at ksteed8@gmail.com.

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