

New Mexico

Defining Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators

as

Pediatric Champions

Fast Facts

Why?
To provide better care to our children.

What is a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator and why are they important?



definition

A "Pediatric Champion" is Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) who works in a hospital, EMS service or lives in the community and advocates for kids *health and well-being*.

Who is a Pediatric Champion?

- Anyone who has a passion for children
- Coordinates pediatric-specific activities
- Holds the position full-time or part-time
- Champions for pediatrics as part of their regular job duties or as their only job
- May be a member of one agency and/or represents other agencies, regions, or levels
- Serves to champion pediatric activities with more than one agency
- May be an individual or group of individuals

What the research shows



the evidence



**EMERGENCY CARE
FOR CHILDREN
GROWING PAINS**

The *Institute of Medicine 2007* publication "Emergency Care for Children: Growing Pains," recommended that EMS agencies "appoint a pediatric emergency coordinator...to provide pediatric leadership for the organization." This recommendation was based on findings that PECCs "are necessary to advocate for improved competencies and the availability of resources for pediatric patients."

RESOURCE DOCUMENT: COORDINATION OF PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE IN EMS SYSTEMS

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The conclusion of the 2017 systematic review is that an "EMS PECC facilitates the integration of pediatric needs into all aspects of EMS," and that EMS agencies may benefit from having a PECC based upon results received from pediatric verification programs for emergency departments.

Original Investigation

A National Assessment of Pediatric Readiness of Emergency Departments

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Analysis of Pediatric Readiness assessment data validated that having pediatric emergency care coordinators (PECC) in an emergency department (ED) increased the likelihood of emergency department readiness for children.

<https://emscimprovement.center/projects/pediatricreadiness/results-and-findings/pediatric-emergency-care-coordinator/>



national & state data

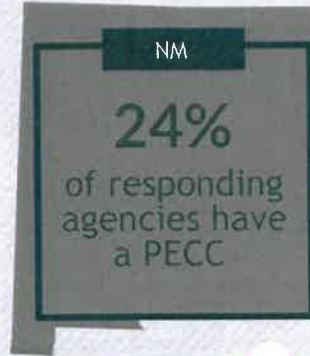
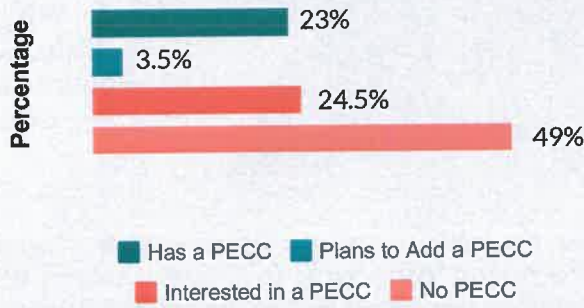


Based on responses to the 2017-2018 EMS for Children Program survey

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Responding Agencies



Whether your agency is urban, rural, volunteer, or paid, various models can fit your needs

Creating a champion in your agency...



AGENCY

- One full-time individual (dedicated role)
- One individual with additional duties
- More than one individual sharing duties (e.g., EMS Chief, Medical Director, Charge Nurse, Educator, School Nurse)

REGIONAL

- Shared individual
- Medical directors group
- Pediatric committee

roles & responsibilities pick-list



Various roles & responsibilities can be given to a PECC, although there is no required set

- Protocol development/ review
- Case review & feedback
- Pediatric education/ training
- Equipment, supplies, medication availability

- Direct medical oversight
- Injury prevention
- Promote family-centered care
- Hospital outreach/ coordinate with ED

- Community paramedicine
- Pediatric QI/PI
- Identify local trends
- Research
- Identify best practices/ evidence-based medicine

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additional information



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