

Join the EMSC/PPN Patient, Youth, Family, and Community Engagement Learning Network



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Strong partnerships between health care systems, families, and community organizations are essential to improving outcomes for children during emergencies and disasters. This community learning experience brings together patients, youth, families, clinicians, and organizational leaders to build a shared culture of preparedness and collaboration. Participants will explore practical strategies for engaging families and communities in pediatric preparedness efforts and strengthening partnerships that support coordinated emergency and disaster response.

WHO CAN APPLY

Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)

Investments including:

- EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center
- EMSC Data Center
- Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network
- State Partnership Managers and their Family Advisory Network Representatives

Pediatric Pandemic Network (PPN) including:

- PPN Domains
- PPN Hub Sites

Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response Centers of Excellence

Team Requirements

- Up to 8 teams will be selected
- Teams of 4–5 that include a decision-maker
- Currently engaging, or planning to engage, families/communities
- Open to learning and sharing (no prior experience required)
- Available to commit to:
 - 1 hour/month interactive session (3rd Tuesday, 2–3 pm ET)
 - ~5 hours/month applying learnings to your work

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- Practical tools and technical assistance from subject matter experts regarding how to recruit, engage, and retain Patient, Youth, Family, and Community partners
- Peer learning and shared best practices
- Opportunity for financial support (e.g., family stipends, translation services)

HOW TO APPLY

- **Application Period:**
March 24 – May 5
- **Selected teams will be notified on May 19**
- Timely submission encouraged

If you're ready to strengthen meaningful family and community engagement in your work, this learning network is for you. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/PYFCNetwork> or email PYFCNetwork@pedspandemicnetwork.org for more information!

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