



Funding Opportunity: CDC

This notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is expected to fund four recipients to address state-specific needs related to the public health problem of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). ACEs are potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood (0-17 years). ACEs are linked to chronic physical and mental health problems, future violence victimization, and reduced life opportunities. Examples of ACEs include experiencing violence, abuse, or neglect; witnessing violence; and having a family member attempt or die by suicide.

Funded recipients will implement comprehensive strategies and approaches designed to reduce ACEs. Under this NOFO, recipients will increase use of primary prevention activities that are based on the best available evidence. Recipients will be expected to leverage multi-sector partnerships and resources to improve ACEs surveillance infrastructures and the coordination and implementation of ACEs prevention strategies across the state as a whole and communities within the state. As a result, recipients will increase their capacity to develop and sustain a surveillance system that includes ACEs-related data and increase implementation and reach of ACEs prevention strategies that help to promote safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments where children live, learn and play. Recipients will focus on the implementation of at least two designated strategies derived from CDC's [Division of Violence Prevention's](#) resource, [Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\): Leveraging the Best Available Evidence](#).

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Today is National EMS for Children Day!

National EMS for Children Day places a spotlight on the delivery of high-quality emergency medical care for children, focusing on the unique needs of critically ill or injured pediatric patients and the challenges faced by EMS professionals in meeting those needs. The EMS for Children

program is working with EMS leaders nationwide to ensure that all children - no matter where they live, attend school, or travel, receive the best care possible in an emergency situation.

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Save the Dates! Bookmark and visit the EIC [Events page](#) for a list of upcoming events and activities pertinent to the EMSC community.

EMSC Town Halls Occur Quarterly: Block your calendar now!

EMSC Town Hall calls are held every three months from 3:00 pm to 4:30pm eastern time on the second Wednesday of the month. The next call is on August 12, 2020. Join here: https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/emsc_town_hall/

Please check with all these organizations before making any travel plans. Given the current situation with COVID-19, it is likely many of the meetings will be postponed, cancelled or delivered alternatively.

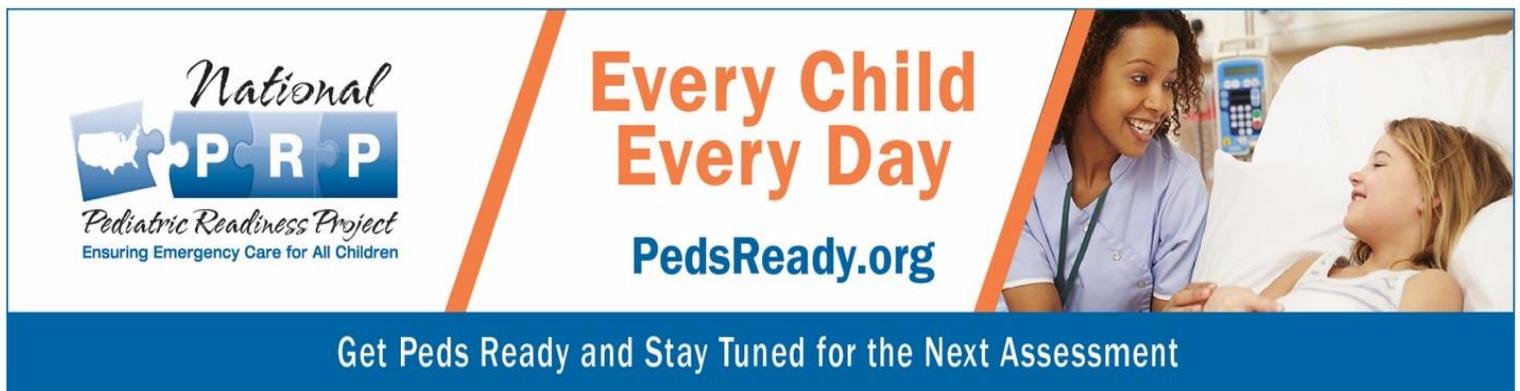
- **FAN Webinar:** Please join us on our next FAN webinar, "Cultural Implications of Screening for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities". The webinar will feature Ms. Nanfi Lubago, co-executive director of PATH Parent to Parent/Family Voices of CT. Webinar is May 21st 3-4 PM CST. You can join by [clicking this link](#).
- **2020 Preparedness Summit** theme is "Fixing Our Fault Lines: Addressing Systemic Vulnerabilities". Has been rescheduled to August 23-26 in Dallas. Please visit the [website](#) for additional information.
- **National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC) 2020** meetings are August 18-20, 2020 in Washington DC, with audioconferencing available. See [NEMSAC webpage](#) for more information. *Registration required for attendance.*
- **National Rural Health EMS and Care Conference** Has been cancelled. For additional information, please visit the [website](#).
- **NASEMSO Annual Meeting** – Planned this year for Aug 30-Sept 3, 2020 in Reno, NV. [Abstracts](#) are being accepted and due July 30, 2020. See the Schedule at a Glance [here](#).
- **AAP Annual Meeting-** We anticipate that the 2020 National Conference will take place as scheduled, Oct 2-6, 2020. **Registration and hotel reservations for members will open June 1 at 10:00AM CDT and non-members on June 5 at 10:00AM CDT. The Conference Schedule will be available beginning June 1.** You can find updates on their [website](#).

Resources Available

Be sure to watch for items of interest to the EMSC Community including national projects, webinars, and opportunities to support EMS for Children on the [EIC Facebook page](#) and [Twitter](#). We use these channels to announce items on short notice.

Spread the Word: New Pediatric Readiness Email Signatures

Although the National Pediatric Readiness Assessment has been postponed, the EMSC Program is committed to keeping Pediatric Readiness as a top priority for our nation's emergency departments. Consider adding a banner to your email signature. You may download these images as well as other flyers and infographics from the EIC [website here](#):



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Pediatric Readiness Project
Ensuring Emergency Care for All Children

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Every Day**

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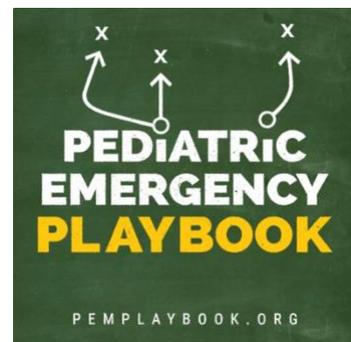
Get Peds Ready and Stay Tuned for the Next Assessment

Zen and the Art of Pediatric Readiness Podcast

Pediatric Readiness is not just an ideal -- it's a tangible plan, a toolkit, and even better, an attitude!

This 30-minute podcast from Dr. Tim Horeczko's Pediatric Emergency Medicine Playbook provides an excellent overview of what Pediatric Readiness truly means and what ED personnel can do at an organizational and personal level to increase readiness.

Click [here](#) to listen.



National Pediatric Readiness Toolkit has been Updated

The updated [National Pediatric Readiness Project \(NPRP\) Toolkit](#) is now available as a free open-access resource intended for use by all providers (e.g. technicians, nurses, physicians, EMS providers, and ancillary staff) across the spectrum of pediatric emergency care to help facilitate delivery of high quality care to all children. The content is organized by the seven domains of pediatric readiness: Administration and Coordination; Healthcare Provider Competencies; Quality Improvement; Policies and Procedures; Patient Safety; Support Services; and Equipment, Supplies, and Medications. The tools and resources align with the joint policy statement “Pediatric Readiness in the Emergency Department” and will assist pediatric emergency care providers to better understand and achieve the components of pediatric readiness in their emergency department. The NPRP toolkit also provides support and recommendations for other stakeholders involved in pediatric emergency care such as hospital directors, quality improvement leaders, family advisory network personnel, caregivers, and patients.

The materials included in the NPRP Toolkit will be updated periodically to ensure the latest recommendations and guidelines are included. Sign in or [create an account](#) to stay connected to receive notifications when new materials are added and help ensure we are meeting the needs of all users.

PRQC Final Team Presentations



The [National Pediatric Readiness Quality Collaborative \(PRQC\)](#) is coming to a close at the end of June. Spread over two days—June 16th and June 23rd—our teams will present the incredible work they have accomplished over the nearly two-year-long collaborative. Teams will share their successes, best change strategies and plans for sustaining their improvements in Pediatric Readiness. The call-in information is listed below. If you would like a calendar invite, please email Meredith Rodriguez, PhD at mrodriqu@bcm.edu.

EMS Performance Dashboards coming soon!

NEDARC has completed the cleaning and analysis for EMS Performance Measure Data 2020. We are in the process of compiling a national dataset. Secure Tableau Dashboards will be coming soon for our EMSC Program Managers to view and query their data. Your NEDARC TA will contact you when they are ready for viewing. We appreciate all of your hard work during the data collection period and are excited to share the results

From Our Partners:

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Share Your COVID-19 Story with AAP

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is [collecting stories](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic, so the AAP can lift up and thank the heroes among us and advocate for the needs of on-the-ground physicians and others who care for children in emergencies. The AAP will share select stories in blogs, social media, and other communications, with permission. To share your story, visit www.aap.org/COVIDstory. The AAP will post select stories on the [AAP Voices blog](#) and share them in social media with the hashtag #PedsPutKids1st. Your voice can make a difference in making sure the needs of pediatricians are heard. If you have questions, email DisasterReady@aap.org.

Join the AAP Council on Children and Disasters

The AAP leadership launched the [Council on Children and Disasters](#) and appointed its executive committee in 2019. The council is continuing the work of the AAP Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council and helping to raise awareness about children's needs that should be considered and addressed in all aspects of disaster management. Please consider partnering with the Academy by joining this new council. Review [membership criteria](#) and consider joining the Academy as a [council affiliate member](#). If you have additional questions, please email DisasterReady@aap.org.

AAP issues guidance to ensure continued care for children during pandemic

Pediatricians have observed a significant decrease in in-person child health visits during the COVID-19 pandemic, which not only puts children's health at risk but also places practices in jeopardy as they balance business financing and care delivery. Well-child care should be consistent with [Bright Futures Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children and Adolescents](#) (4th Edition) and the corresponding [Bright Futures/AAP Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care](#) well child visit calendars.

ENA partnered with the Resilient-Project, Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, and ACEP to debut this song, "Resilient". It's a song of inspiration and strength originating from a new musical, Mata Hari by Dave Ogrin and Jay Berkow, performed by emergency health care professionals and more than 60 Broadway theatre artists! View [here](#).



New in Press: Emergency Medical Services Utilization by Children

Several of our Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network (PECARN) investigators examined 507 ED records from a rural, 3-county region of northern California for clinical features of children (0-14 years old) based on their mode of transport. The authors found that children who are transported to rural EDs via EMS are likely to be more ill and require more resources than those who arrive by other modes of transportation. You can read the abstract [here](#).



Family Advisory Network (FAN!) Mail

Let us see you in Action!

If you have pictures or content you wish to share on the EIC Facebook page and Twitter, please [email Cassidy Penn](#) at the EIC.



New and Improved FAN Website

Be sure to check out the new and improved, designated [Family Advisory Network](#) page on the website! Here you will find a brief overview of FAN along with a video capturing the compelling stories of the FAN representatives. There is also an addition of a resource page highlighting resources that could be of benefit for FAN representatives, including topics like policy, forms, social media assistance, and more. The site also includes a members list with emails for contacting other FAN representatives.

If you are a FAN member and have not filled out the questionnaire for the members only page, please fill it out [here](#). If you have any suggestions or feedback for the FAN page, please contact Margaret Codispoti at margaret.codispoti@bcm.edu.

COVID-19 Resource Page for Families and Caregivers

On the Emergency Medical Services for Children Improvement Center website, we have compiled the most relevant COVID-19 resources for families and caregivers. This page includes resources from the American Academy of Pediatrics, HealthyChildren.org and others on what parents should do to prepare.



1. What to expect at the emergency department due to changes in procedure due to COVID-19
2. A free, downloadable book by Molly Watts on how to talk to kids about COVID called “Dave the Dog is Worried about Coronavirus”
3. An infographic on COVID-19 and Youth and Children with Special Healthcare Needs
4. A new and improved “Washing your hands with Baby Shark” video
5. Mental health and anxiety management for kids during COVID-19

Check out these highlighted resources and so much more by [clicking here](#).

Kids Considered Podcast: Seizures and Epilepsy in Children

Kids Considered is a podcast produced through the UC Davis Children's Hospital in Sacramento, California. Kids Considered presents child health topics in simple, easy to understand language for parents and caregivers. The aim of the podcast is to help parents understand the recommendations of their pediatrician.

In this episode from April 27, 2020, Dr. Lena van der List and Dr. Dean Blumberg discuss epilepsy, febrile seizures and seizure mimics in kids and explain the causes, evaluation and treatment of these common brain disorders.



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