

The New Mexico Child Ready Initiative is a multi-faceted program that is reaching out to rural and tribal communities to help them become more aware of their abilities to treat the emergently ill or injured child.

What is the NM Child Ready **Facility Recognition** Program?

A program that aims to improve pediatric readiness of all EDs in NM through the development of a community of practice involving pediatric champions from NM EDs.

- All NM EDs can achieve ANY of the above recognition categories- there is no requirement for pediatric specialists, in-patient care or minimum volume of patients.

A process to recognize pediatric improvement efforts:

- NM CHILD READY *Pediatric Engaged ED (Bronze Level)*: designated pediatric champion + readiness survey (PRS) (any score)
- NM CHILD READY *Pediatric Ready ED (Silver Level)*: engaged + PRS >70%
- NM CHILD READY *Pediatric Innovator ED (Gold Level)*: engaged + PRS > 80% + sharing programs with other EDs

What is the process to participate in NM CHILD READY?

1. Review NM CHILD READY requirements with leadership and determine intent to participate.
2. Complete online application + designate pediatric champion(s) + upload a signed letter of intent.
3. Concurrent announcement of recognition status at quarterly NM CHILD READY meeting- **valid for two-years**. EMSC to provide certificate/info for dissemination.
4. NOTE: all pediatric champions will have access to community of practice resources including educational modules, policies/procedures, quality improvement modules, and safety practices.

What is a Pediatric Champion? 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 can be a Pediatric Champion? An individual or individuals such as a Medical Director, Charge Nurse, Nurse Educator, or engaged Staff.

