



Does your EMS agency have a PECC?

Pediatric emergency care coordinators (PECCs) are essential to improving outcomes for children in prehospital settings.

What is a PECC?

PECCs are pediatric champions who help ensure emergency medical services (EMS) and fire-rescue agencies are "Pediatric Ready" by coordinating adherence to national guidelines on prehospital pediatric emergency care.¹

Why is the role important?

EMS agencies with a PECC are nearly twice as likely to have moderate to extensive pediatric skills training than agencies without a PECC.² In addition, while prehospital research is just beginning, high levels of Pediatric Readiness in EDs are associated with as much as 76% lower mortality risk for children.³

What does the role involve?

- One individual per agency, multiple individuals sharing the role, OR one individual serving multiple agencies (e.g. a regional PECC)
- Passion for pediatric care (pediatric-specific expertise not required)
- Support from administration, including an understanding of role expectations

Who recommends having a PECC?

- American Academy of Pediatrics
- Emergency Medical Services for Children Program
- National Academy of Medicine
- National Association of EMS Physicians
- National Association of State EMS Officials
- National EMS Advisory Council



**All EMS
and fire-rescue
agencies should
have a PECC.**

What does a PECC do?

PECCs help ensure Pediatric Readiness across multiple areas of focus. Example responsibilities include:

- Promoting pediatric continuing education opportunities
- Ensuring the pediatric perspective is included in policies, procedures, and guidelines
- Tracking pediatric equipment and supplies and ensuring clinicians know how to use them
- Maintaining a relationship with your state Emergency Medical Services for Children Program



You can become a PECC

- Talk to your agency leadership about establishing a PECC
- Access PECC resources via emscimprovement.center/domains/pecc

For references, visit <https://bit.ly/EMSPECCref>

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