

The Route to Pediatric Readiness in Prehospital Care

Every child deserves the best care — and YOUR agency can make that happen!

The **National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project (PPRP)** offers free resources, an assessment, and more to help EMS and fire-rescue agencies improve outcomes for children. Below are suggested steps for improving readiness at your agency.

PREPARE

1

- Review the **joint guidelines**, **PPRP Checklist** or **PDF version of the PPRP Assessment** to get a sense of what readiness entails.
- Talk to agency leadership about **the importance** of Pediatric Readiness.
- Connect with your **state EMSC manager** to learn about local resources and opportunities.

APPOINT A PECC

2

- Talk with leadership about appointing a pediatric champion or **pediatric emergency care coordinator (PECC)** to oversee Pediatric Readiness activities.
- PECCs are the strongest single driver of high Pediatric Readiness.

3

ASSESS & REVIEW

- Identify the best person to complete the assessment (e.g., chief and/or PECC).
- Take the assessment at **EMSPedsReady.org** at least every 1-3 years.
- Review your Pediatric Readiness score, benchmarking information, and gap report with leadership and team members.

4

PLAN & IMPROVE

- Use the gap report to set goals, and seek buy-in for your plans from key players.
- Address gaps using the **PPRP Toolkit** and **Checklist**.
- Explore the **Prehospital Pediatric Quality Measures Dashboard** to track how your readiness efforts affect outcomes. Identify key measures important in your community to work on.

5

GET RECOGNIZED

- Improving readiness can help your agency meet criteria for state recognition programs.
- Contact your **state EMSC manager** to find out if there is an active recognition program in your area.

6

KEEP IT UP!

- Repeat steps 3-4 to stay on the path to our shared destination: high-quality emergency care for ALL children!

