EMSC Coordinator Role and Resources

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We are so excited you’ve decided to join us!
What is EMSC?

• EMS for Children (EMSC) is a program within the Bureau of EMS and Preparedness and the Utah Public Health Department that is funded by federal grant money.

• EMSC partners with different organizations including Primary Children’s Hospital, Highway Safety, Zero Fatalities, Air Med, the U of U Burn Center, among others.

• The program is designed to ensure that all children and adolescents, no matter where they live, attend school, or travel, receive appropriate care in a health emergency.

• We facilitate quality pediatric care from the pre-hospital setting, emergency department, hospitalization, rehabilitation and return to home.

https://bemsp.utah.gov/
EMSC Coordinators are an Essential Part of the Program

**Utah EMSC Coordinators Requirements**

- Currently work for a Utah EMS agency/hospital as an EMT, Paramedic, RN, NP, MD, or approved by Utah EMSC.
- Current Bureau of EMS Instructor status, and/or approved by Utah EMSC.
- Current PEPP/PALS Provider. (Which we can help you get)

**Annual Requirements**

- Complete a minimum of three qualifying events per year.
- Attend the annual Utah EMSC Coordinator Workshop.
- Log qualifying events online, if it isn’t documented it wasn’t done 😊
Commitment Letter: Reevaluated Yearly

EMSC Coordinator Commitment 2016

Every 2 years do what healthcare professionals do best, make an assessment. We have holes in our EMSC Coordinator staff and before we start filling these spots we would like to know if you, our current Coordinators are still interested in working with us to further the EMSC goals. We appreciate and are often accounted, by the dedication that many of you show on a daily basis, but we also have members that have not been active in the program for some time and so we ask that all members read, sign, and return this letter of commitment for 2016.

EMSC Overall Goal

The Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program aims to ensure that emergency medical care for the ill and injured child or adolescent is well integrated into an emergency medical service system. We work to ensure that the system is backed by optimal resources and that the entire spectrum of emergency services (prevention, acute care, and rehabilitation) is provided to children and adolescents, no matter where they live, attend school or travel.

Utah EMSC Coordinator Requirements

1. A Coordinator must work for a Utah EMS agency/hospital as an EMT, Paramedic, RN, Advance Practice RN, MD, or be approved by Utah EMSC.
2. A Coordinator must hold Bureau of EMS Instructor Status, and/or be an educator approved by Utah EMSC.
3. A Coordinator must be a current PEPP/PALS Provider. (We ask that you provide copies of your current certification cards. If you have lefted, please arrange with Andy to attend a class.)

Annual Requirements

1. Complete three qualifying activities per year. (See list below)
2. Complete the online Utah EMSC Coordinator Report Form by updating the google doc form that will be emailed to you once all your paperwork is received. The annual time period for qualifying events is January 01 to December 31. (As a federal grant we must account for the activity of the Coordinator staff. This is our documentation process.)
3. Attend the annual Utah EMSC Coordinator Workshops. Please note that the workshop does not count as a qualifying activity. (Attendance at this retreat is mandatory unless written excuse is obtained in advance by our Lead Coordinator Andy East.) Your input at the retreat is essential in reviewing EMSC goals and determining the direction of the program.

Compensation

1. We know that much of your work in EMSC is voluntary and comes from your commitment to improving pediatric care in your communities. We cannot tell you enough how much we appreciate your time and effort.

2. When you aid in EMSC sponsored teaching such as PEPP and PALS classes or you are asked to oversee a specific state sponsored event, you may be compensated for your time and travel. These events do count as qualifying activities. Coordinators available and closest to the event will be utilized first. This is most cost effective for the grant.
3. The annual workshop is paid for by EMSC and usually includes food and accommodations.

There is a great emphasis on pediatric education within this program. As Coordinators you are the EMSC representative for your county. You play a key role in circulating pediatric education in this state. We invite you to network with all pediatric healthcare providers, pre-hospital providers, hospitals, and even clinics and doctor’s offices within your counties. When the state produces pediatric education (newsletters, prevention programs, etc) we would like to know that by handing it to our Coordinators it will be distributed throughout the state of Utah. We want to reach everyone responsible for the emergency care of a child. With the new pediatric education rule, EMSC has committed to provide regionalized PEPP classes, while teaching is not a requirement of the coordinator position, we would encourage you to become PEPP instructors. This is a great way to strengthen your own pediatric knowledge base and the regionalization will run best (and most cost-effectively) if we can use coordinators from the region to host classes.

Please sign and return the statement below so that we can go into the next year with a strong and dedicated team.

➢ I am committed to being an active member of the EMSC Coordinator Staff. I am committed to the goals, objectives, and requirements that have been outlined in this letter.

Print Name __________________________
Date __________________________
Current Address: __________________________
Phone: __________________________ Email: __________________________
Current Employer: __________________________

Or indicate below.

➢ I am no longer interested in participating in EMSC

Print Name __________________________
Date __________________________
What is EMSC asking of you?
Annual Requirements

1. Complete three qualifying activities per year.

2. Complete the online Utah EMSC Coordinator Report Form as the qualifying activities are completed. (As a federal grant we must account for the activity of the Coordinator staff. This is our documentation process.)

3. Attend the annual Utah EMSC Coordinator Workshop. Please note that workshops do not count as a qualifying activity. (Attendance at this retreat is mandatory unless written excuse is obtained in advance from our Lead Coordinator Andy Ostler. Your input at the workshop is essential in reviewing EMSC goals and determining the direction of the program.)
#1 You are the EMSC Work Force

Complete three qualifying activities per year.

- Bike Rodeo
- Buckle Tough Booth
- Hosting of a PEPP Class
- Hosting a PALS Class
- Assist in teaching a PEPP/PALS Class
- Presenting any of the modules developed for CME
- Spot the Tot booth or CME
- First Aid training involving pediatrics
- Daycare training – First aid and/or CPR
- Children with Special Health Care Needs- enrollment- teaching about the registry, etc.
- Broselow training
- Backboard training
- Helmet awareness bike, scooter, ATV etc.
- EMT initial training pediatric portions
- Scout training- pediatric specific
- Safety Fairs
- Conference presentations
- Other activities approved by EMSC staff
#2 Ensure the EMSC Grant’s Continuation

Report your efforts (the 3 qualifying events), That way you verify that the grant is being used as outlined.

- Complete an event
- Log it on the google doc we will send you by email
#3 You are Your County’s Voice for Pediatric Issues

- Through attendance at the annual Workshop
- Through submission to and distribution of the EMSC newsletter
- Through communication throughout the year with the EMSC staff

Don't lose your voice - exercise it regularly!
Our Emphasis

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We Work for State-wide Coverage Through You
What does EMSC do for you?
You are Your Country’s Pediatric Expert and Educator

- We provide you with current pediatric training
- We promote your role in the county
- We highlight your efforts in our statewide newsletter
- We will have your contact information on website
• This builds your resume

• Gives you a direct link to state government and other counties

• Through the newsletter and other offerings you have first hand information on current trends in pediatric healthcare

• A way to get a little extra cash
  • For teaching PEPP and PALS classes
  • EMS for Children events

• You will get to associate with an AWESOME team
Resources
Wouldn’t it be great if I had someone...

- Who knows the program in and out and can answer my questions?

- Who always has their phone attached to their hip to answer calls?

- Who can help me coordinate the steps for bringing a PEPP or PALS class to my area?

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Written for You

EMSC Connects

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A Word From Our Program Manager

Greetings and a special shout-out to our first three hospitals to complete the pediatric readiness survey!

Way to go Mountain View Hospital, Sevier Valley Medical Center, and Wasatch Basin Medical Center!

I know the other 43 hospitals are probably in process of completing it as well and I’m happy to answer any questions that come up. Just email me at sujohannsen@utah.gov

Aside from this pediatric survey, do you have a spiral bound flip book in your ambulance that has pediatric protocols for a number of pediatric emergency situations? Well, these protocols are being updated, simplified, and combined with the adult protocols. We are now looking at the possibility of turning them into a cell phone/tablet/ipad mobile app. What do you think? Would that be more or less convenient when you get a pediatric call and need to check on a procedure or dosage? Please share your opinion on these protocols and how they would be most useful to you, by clicking below and answering the 5 multiple choice questions. There is also a box where you can type in any other opinions you have.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w6sAay5qdmj1N44FhUXjIRPMbEyzcJ87tFP7l4QXw/edit

I want the protocols to be useful to you, so I appreciate your feedback!

Thanks,
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Prevention Info

Current trends in peds Program Happenings

Peds Protocols
- It includes a calendar of pediatrics education around the state.

- It’s free, it’s digital, it’s printable and it’s archived on our website.
  [https://bemsp.utah.gov/](https://bemsp.utah.gov/)

- I’d also LOVE to have you submit articles and highlight your activities. Being “published” looks great on a resume. 😊
EMSC Website

- Check us out …


Or Just Google

“Utah EMSC”

And be sure to join our Facebook group
More Questions?

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