



# EMSC State Partnership Texas

## Key Talking Points

EMSC has been busy in the last quarter:

- Developed and implemented the Emergency Medical Services for Children Pediatric Continuing Education Program
- Launched the 2010 EMS agency surveys
- Developed a multi-regional EMSC Family Advocates' Network
- Submitted application for EMSC Targeted Issues grant to develop evidence-based protocol
- Began collaboration with Children's Policy Council, TPS, CHAT, and others to develop legislative priorities
- Continued work on EMSC priorities including continuing education, equipment and supplies, On-line and off-line medical direction, and categorization/designation of hospitals capable of handling pediatric medical emergencies

Note: The information below asks for your questions and comments. These can be directed to:

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## Education—

- Continuing education program
- First class provided in Corpus Christi with the help of Driscoll Children’s Hospital, Del Mar College, Texas Parent to Parent, and Coastal Bend Autism Advocacy
- Next class scheduled for October 7 in North Central Texas RAC
- Now scheduling classes with the goal of one class in each of the 22 regions over the two-year CE program period.
- Course offerings are based on surveys conducted at 2009 EMS Conference/ requests by regions
- Back to Basics theme to provide educational opportunity for ALL providers and make the most practical impact
- Strong quality improvement process in place to guide program
- Currently working with UTHSCSA to investigate cost/feasibility of collaboration on an online CE program for state EMS personnel similar to UNM (See <http://hsc.unm.edu/emered/ped/emsc/training/training.shtml>)
- **We would like to get input from the Peds committee on general direction of CE content**

Comments/Suggestions/Questions:

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## Equipment and Supplies—

- Surveys will be completed soon and give us a better idea of needs
- Working with Jane Guerrero and DSHS to *investigate* usage or interest in using purchasing cooperatives among the RACs.
- General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC) and EMSC planning to roll out a nation-wide program to help provide pediatric equipment lacking on ambulances
- Need official endorsement of the Pediatric Committee on the Joint Policy Statement: Equipment on Ambulances:  
<http://www.bcm.edu/pediatrics/texasemsc/index.cfm?pmid=13141>

Comments/Suggestions/Questions:

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## On-line Medical Direction—

- Surveys will be completed soon and give us a better idea of needs
- Currently talking with stakeholders/investigating the feasibility of providing online medical direction through pediatric base stations through children's hospitals across the state
- Reviewing best practice in other states
- Considering a pilot in one region/area of the state for the base station concept

## Categorization—

- EMSC is interested in the development a categorization system, similar to the trauma system, for all acute care hospitals according to their ability to provide appropriate pediatric emergency care, acute care, critical care, and neonatal intensive care. Rules for Trauma System Designation are due to open for first review in May of 2011
- We are requesting the opinion and advice of the Pediatric Committee on how, or to what extent, these issues should be pursued. What is the general feeling toward categorization of pediatric care? What obstacles do you foresee? Is this appropriately the concern of the EMS and Trauma System?

Comments/Suggestions/Questions:

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