

September 2025 Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator Newsletter



Peds Ready EMS

Two agencies have been recognized -- **Congratulations Sherman County Ambulance and Polk County Fire District No. 1!**

Get recognized and show your community that pediatric patients are a priority! The **first 20 agencies** recognized will receive a Peds Ready EMS plaque.

Peds Ready EMS sets the standard for EMS transport agency pediatric readiness. Completing the steps necessary to participate in Peds Ready EMS will improve agency readiness to treat pediatric emergency medical and trauma patients. This is a voluntary recognition program, and there is no fee to participate. Contact Rachel Ford (see info below) if you have questions about the requirements such as the Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project assessment.

Apply today! The online application should take about an hour to complete. Once the application has been reviewed and accepted, the EMS transport agency will receive a recognition certificate and ambulance decal(s).

Application Guide & **Frequently Asked Questions**

Questions about program requirements: rachel.l.ford@oha.oregon.gov or 971-673-0564
Application technical issues: nicole.m.perkins@oha.oregon.gov or 971-469-2899

Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness Course



June 1 & 2, 2026 | 0800-1700
In person 2-day course (16 hours)
Register Here
Kaiser Westside Medical Center
2875 NE Stucki Ave. Hillsboro, OR

The course addresses pediatric emergency planning and medical response considerations through a combination of lectures and small group exercises. Topics include introduction to pediatric response, pediatric emergency management, pediatric surge, children with access

and functional needs, mass sheltering, triage and allocation of scarce resources, reunification, and decontamination. CE available.

Sponsored by: Northwest Oregon Health Preparedness Organization & Oregon Emergency Medical Services for Children

Oregon EMS for Children Advisory Committee Position

The [Oregon Emergency Medical Services for Children \(EMSC\) Program](#) is recruiting for the following EMSC Advisory Committee position, *Family Representative*. [Apply Here](#)

Family Representative: Oregon resident with lived experience caregiving for a child, youth, or young adult with special health needs or disabilities **or** lived experience using emergency medical services for a child, youth, or young adult in their care **or** understanding of the experiences of families generally through participation in support groups, school advocacy groups, or other settings where they interact frequently with parents and caregivers.

Details about the application process are included in the [Application Guide](#). Questions can be sent to ems.program@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

HERO Kids Hotline & App



EMS agencies can access HERO Kids patient care information through the EMS and ED provider confidential hotline: **833-437-6543** (833-HERO-KID). **Do not share with the public.**

EMS agencies may also sign-up for the [Oregon Registries for EMS \(OREMS\) app](#). One representative per agency, will use this [link](#) to sign up to receive access.

Share your [feedback](#) to improve the OREMS app. Your input is appreciated!

Contact HERO Kids herokids@ohsu.edu to:

- schedule HERO Kids orientation or training presentation
- request HERO Kids participation in conferences, community safety fairs, or family-centered events
- request confidential HERO Kids provider hotline
- request HERO Kids print materials

Support Sensory, Communication, and Social Differences

The Autism Society of Oregon mailed or hand-delivered approximately 650 Sensory Kits to agencies: one kit per licensed ambulance. The Sensory Kits can be used with patients of all ages to support sensory, communication, and social differences.

A recorded orientation session, slides, and resource document are available on the Oregon EMSC [website](#) - Prehospital Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators section. The orientation

included an overview of the Sensory Kit, how to use the kits to support autistic individuals and others who need emergency services, a review of some of the basic hallmarks of autism spectrum disorder, and information about the services provided to the community by Autism Society of Oregon.

Oregon Poison Center Training

Participants will learn about poison control centers, identify common poisons and prevention strategies, learn what to do in case of a poisoning, and how to share your knowledge with others. The course is free, virtual, and self-paced. Passing the final post-test (80% score or better) will generate a certificate of completion. The training is available on the poison center's [website](#) or by going directly to the training [link](#).

EMS Resources

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Critical Care Trauma Series Registration - monthly free virtual education• EMSC Website: Prehospital PECC Resources Free Training & Equipment• EMS Resource Toolkit: Training, funding, equipment, recruitment, etc.• Manage Stress: Training & Guide | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master Your Medics webinars• National Association of EMS Educators webinars• Oregon EMS Psychomotor Skills Lab Manual• Prehospital Emergency Care Coordinator Resources: Right Call Cards• Responding to Children in Crisis |
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Available Upon Request

[Pediatric Patient Care Resource Sheets](#): heavy-duty laminated resource sheets with resuscitation, burn, vital signs, GCS, APGAR, and SpO₂ patient care information. Includes Velcro strips so have the option to attach to interior of emergency vehicles. Contact the EMSC Program, rachel.l.ford@oha.oregon.gov