

September 2026
Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator Newsletter



**HERO Kids & Peds Ready EMS:
Special Info Session for Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators**

September 24 | 1900-1930

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[REGISTER TODAY](#) - You will receive a confirmation email after registering.

Objectives:

- Learn about two programs that enhance agency- and provider-level pediatric readiness, the HERO Kids Registry and Peds Ready EMS.
- Receive resources that support family-centered care and your treatment of pediatric patients.
- Ask questions and share experiences.

Death of a Child: Grief Resources Community of Practice - EMS Providers

October 29 | 1000-1130

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Participants: Focused on rural and remote Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators, Training Officers, and Chaplains, but **all are welcome**.

Objectives:

- Learn from each other through sharing protocols, processes, resources, barriers, and needs.
- Enhance readiness for supporting families and each other when a child dies.
- Leave feeling more informed and empowered to support families and each other.

Bringing Simulation-Based Education to Rural EMS Across Oregon

Healthcare Safety Solutions (HSS) has received **Rural Healthcare Transformation Program (RHTP) funding** to expand simulation-based education for rural EMS agencies across Oregon!

HSS will bring training to rural EMS agencies across Oregon—from the **Oregon Coast and Willamette Valley to Central, Southern, Eastern, and Northeastern Oregon**. Training will provide hands-on, realistic education designed to strengthen clinical skills, teamwork, communication, and readiness for high-acuity, low-frequency events.

Interested in bringing simulation training to your agency? Contact Casi Wilson at cwilson@healthcaresolutions.com to express your interest, and HSS will keep you informed of training opportunities coming to your area. You can also schedule a 30-minute informational meeting by booking with this link: [Schedule a Meeting](#)

Rural EMS Billing & Coding and Leadership Series

The Oregon Office of Rural Health is providing a series of EMS Billing & Coding and Leadership sessions.

Billing & Coding:

August 20 | 1300-1430 | [Register here](#) | Oregon GEMT (for government and private agencies)

August 27 | 1300-1430 | [Register here](#) | Anti-Kickback Statute (waivers for residents, discounting and rate setting, etc.)

September 1 | 1300-1430 | [Register here](#) | Oregon Medicaid TNC/SCT and other Oregon Laws and Regulations (No Surprises Act)

September 10 | 1300-1430 | [Register here](#) | Medicare Rules (signatures, ABN use, billing rules, etc.)

Leadership:

August 18 | 0900-1100 | [Register here](#) | The Study of Leadership and Management

August 27 | 0900-1100 | [Register here](#) | Difficult Conversations

September 17 | 1300-1500 | [Register here](#) | Influence and Accountability

Questions? Contact Joan Field EMT-I CP-C CHW, Program Coordinator - Rural EMS, at fieldj@ohsu.edu.

Pediatric Readiness Skills Day

September 23 or 24 | 0800-1700

Bend, OR

[Registration & Additional Info](#)

- Pediatric Respiratory Review
- Pediatric Shock Presentations

- How to Improve Pediatric Assessments
- Interventions & Treatments

HERO Kids Hotline



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.**

Peds Ready EMS

Join Oregon's recognized agencies and [apply today!](#) The online application takes 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](#)

Program requirement questions: rachel.l.ford@oha.oregon.gov or 971-673-0564

Application technical issues: nicole.m.perkins@oha.oregon.gov or 971-469-2899

Pediatric Readiness Quality Improvement

The National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project (PPRP) [assessment](#) is open and to EMS agencies and fire departments to take at any time. During the open assessment period. EMS/Fire may use this confidential, voluntary assessment for quality improvement purposes and retake as needed. Results of the open assessment are for EMS/Fire use only.

EMS/Fire participate to:

- evaluate preparedness for caring for children during emergencies;
- identify strengths and address gaps; and
- support quality improvement efforts such as planning, education, policy development, and more.

EMS Resources

- [Burn care](#): burn evaluation, emergency response planning, and injury pattern recognition
- [EMSC Website](#): Prehospital PECC Resources | Free Training & Equipment

- Order Communication Card Sets: scroll down to bottom of [page](#) and complete order form
- [Oregon EMS Psychomotor Skills Lab Manual](#)
- Pediatric Hemorrhage Control and Tourniquet Application [videos](#)

- [EMS Resource Toolkit](#): Training, funding, equipment, recruitment, etc.
- [HERO Kids](#) & [Oregon Registries for EMS \(OREMS\) app](#)
- [Measles Guide for EMS](#)
- Mental Health, Substance Use & Managing Stress: [Training](#) & [Guide](#)
- National Association of EMS Educators [webinars](#)

- [Pediatric Patient Care Resource Sheets](#): send [request](#)
- [PedsGuide App](#): pediatric clinical decision support tool
- [Responding to Children in Crisis](#)
- [Right Call Cards](#) (Prehospital PECC section)
- [U.S. Fire Administration Courses](#)