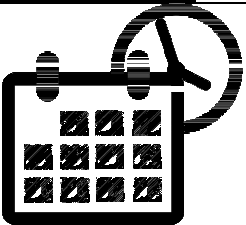


	Pediatric Emergency Medical Advisory Committee March 4, 2026 @ 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM 653 West Pratt Street - Room 212 Baltimore, MD 21201 <i>In Person & Virtual Meeting</i>	
Type of meeting:	Pediatric Emergency Medical Advisory Committee Business meeting 9:30 AM -12:00 PM Safe Kids Maryland Coalition Meeting 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM	
	Option to join remotely for this meeting is the standard PEMAC link, see below: Web & Audio: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/428040181 Phone: 1 (786) 535-3211 Access Code: 428-040-181	
Member & Liaison Attendees	Steve White MD, Jen Anders MD, Jen Guyther MD, Cyndy Wright Johnson RN, Mary Ellen Wilson RN, Jessica Williams RN, Rob Carter RN NRP,	
Virtual Attendance	Rick High EMT, Laurel Moody, RN, Corina Noje MD, Bruce Klein MD, Jen Denault RN, Jonathan Longest NRP, Liz Berg RN, Suzanna Martin MD, Karen O'Connell MD, Scott Legore NRP	
Guests:	Meg Stein, NRP	
RSVP regrets:	Danielle Joy RN NPR, Lisa Opel RN, Ryan Stacey NRP, Lisa Wilson EMT, Dwayne Kitis CRTI, Jill Dannenfelter RN,	
	Agenda & Minutes Approved by PEMAC 5/6/2026	
9:30 AM	Welcome & Introductions 1. Member Roll Call and brief introduction of visitors & guest 2. List of Documents, Liaison & Committee Reports 3. Volunteer present in Room 212 to monitor the CHAT (Mary Ellen Wilson)	Cynthia Wright Johnson RN
9:35 AM	PEMAC Business: 1. Review of November 2025 & January 2026 Minutes: Motion to approve both minutes by Laurel Moody, seconded by Jen Guyther. Approved unanimously. 2. 2026 Meeting Schedule posted and e-appointments sent, reminder that May is in person only. 3. Vacancy: Region 1 Pediatric Medical Director 4. Membership requirement is attendance @ 3 in-person meetings	Rick High NRP Cyndy Wright Johnson RN
9:45 AM	PEMAC March 2026 Consent Agenda: 1. EMSC & Safe Kids Update – handout 2. Pediatric Readiness Update – handout 3. 2026 Educational Conference List – handout from November 4. CPS & OP Grant Update – handout 5. Injury Prevention updates & links listed within the agenda	EMSC Department Staff Team
10:00 AM	Maryland Protocols for EMS Providers 1. 2025 Protocols: https://www.miemss.org/home/Portals/0/Docs/Guidelines_Protocols/MD-Medical-Protocols-2025-Hyperlinked-HR-05062025.pdf 2. 2026 New protocols for discussion: (July 2026 implementation) have been approved by Protocol Subcommittee and EMS Board at their February meeting. 3. NEW 2027 Protocols for discussion a) Zofran (Protocol 11.34/ Page 261) age parameters for IV or IM compared to Oral (ODT). PEMAC recommendation is for 5-12 yoa dose of 4 mg if carried by the responding EMS unit(s).	Jen Anders MD Meg Stein NRP

	Research and Pediatric DART - QI Metrics  Research project update (CNH & Prince George's)  Pediatric Metrics	Jen Anders MD
11:00 AM	 PM 03: Family Centered Care Sub Committee 1. Right Care Awards for 2026: 9 nominations received 2. FAN committee recruitment ongoing – Looking for member from Region IV and V. 3. New Poster on ACT: Park, Look, Lock completed and available 4. Working on new Safe Sleep Poster for MSFA 5. Planning for MSFA Steps to Safety 2026 ongoing and will be the focus of May FAN meeting after PEMAC. 6. Update from National FAN (EICC work) – no update	Lisa Wilson EMT
11:15 AM	 PM 04: Disaster Preparedness 1. Region 3 Pediatric Subcommittee HCC: Rob will be sending out a call for renewed and new participation as the subcommittee reviews and updates the Pediatric Annex. 2. Region 1 & 2 and Region 4 HCC have new MHA staff assigned with plans for pediatric discussion in the next grant cycle starting soon. 3. Region 5 is hosting a conference “Disasterpiece 2026: June 18 & 19, 2026. The website has been updated. 4. TEEX Pediatric Course 439: Carroll County in February 2026 Spring courses in Howard County & 2027 course in Prince George's County. 5. National Pediatric Pandemic Network – Podcasts launched @ https://pedspandemicnetwork.org/ready-prep-go/	Rob Carter RN NRP Cyndy Wright Johnson RN
11:30 AM	Maryland Organizations & Committees  AAP Updates www.mdaap.org – no updates at this time. ➤ ACEP Updates - www.mdacep.org : Maryland ACEP annual meeting is Thursday April 30 th at the UMMS Education Center, all are welcome. ➤ Maryland ACEP is following an number of bills at this time and very active in Annapolis.  ENA Updates - www.mdena.org . Educational programming: ➤ Mid- Maryland Chapter education session on February 10 th “From Doorway to Disposition: Pediatric Assessment Pearls for the Emergency Setting” ➤ ENPC Classes: March 13 th - 14 th at Howard Community College and Tidal Health (date TBA) ➤ TNCC Classes: Marcy 27 th -28 th in Greenbelt, MD ➤ TNAC (Trauma Nurse Advanced Course – must have TNCC to take) March 13 th , 25 th and April 14 th (hybrid course) ➤ Maryland ENA by the Bay State Conference: May 28 (pre-conference) & May 29 th General Session  Call for abstracts for presentations and posters is Online  SCHOOL HEALTH Updates: no updates at this time from MDH or MSDE for PEMAC. MDH meeting with school nurses in February focused on ways to improve the health of Maryland students.  Dates for conferences or training:	Bruce Klein MD Suzanna Martin MD Yonnia Waggoner RN Laurel Moody RN

	MASHN Annual Conference – March 14, 2026 @ Chesapeake Bay Beach Club, Stevensville, MD 21666 (Dental emergencies, trends in autism, public health impact of childhood immunizations, and skins conditions in school-age children) MCSS PREpare 2026 Conference – July 22-23, 2026 @ Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City, MD (Emergency Preparedness, Security, Personal Connections, and School Culture & Climate) <i>Registration Now Open</i>  Maryland Center for School Safety: MCSS meeting for March cancelled. Next Meeting in May 4, 2026. https://schoolsafety.maryland.gov/  Critical Care Updates: MidAtlantic Transport Conference held in February included a preconference with pediatric simulations. AAP Section on Transport Medicine will host a preconference at the AAP NEC in October (SanDiego) Liz provided a list of conference to be added the Educational Conference handout.  Commercial Ambulance Service Advisory Committee: no report at this time from Jill or Scott. The next meeting is 3/19/26.  Jurisdictional Affairs Committee (JAC @ MIEMSS): no report at this time for PEMAC. Next meeting is joint with the Annual Medical Directors Symposium April 8, 2026. Please see written summary of submitted reports	Liz Berg RN Corina Noje MD Jill Dannenfelser RN Rick High EMT & Ryan Stacey NRP
11:40 AM	Injury Prevention Sub Committee & Updates EMSC: CPS & OP Healthcare Project (Maryland Highway Safety Office Grant). Susanne shared the new ACT poster for heatstroke prevention, available in English and Spanish double sided. The Outdoor Temperature Displays calendar is open for requests throughout the year. Regional Car Seat check handout for 2026 are available and the dates are posted on the KISS website. CPST course dates are also finalized through September. Reach out for more information @ cps@miemss.org Safe Kids 2026 Meetings following PEMAC: Maryland SK March 4, 2026 @ 12:30 PM Maryland SK September 2, 2026 @ 12:30 PM Public Fire & Life Safety Educator Seminar – March 21, 2026. Registration link - Maryland Fire and Rescue institute / University of Maryland Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference will be September 15, 2026 held in Annapolis. Details and call for proposals is on the website - https://www.midatlanticlifesafetyconference.com/ Maryland Risk Watch/ MSFA –Full typed report is available and posted on MSFA Committee reports. Partnership for Safer Maryland www.safermaryland.org is offering scholarships of up to \$500 to support members attendance at prevention conferences. Members is free. TraumaNET – https://www.maryland-traumanet.com/	Cyndy Wright Johnson RN

11:50 AM	Old Business – There were no items of old business.	Committee
11:55 AM	New Business- There were no items of new business.	Committee
12:00 PM	Adjournment & Networking	Committee
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Safe Kids Maryland Coalition Meeting All are welcome to join	
Next Meeting: May 6, 2026 @ MIEMSS - In Person Only 9:30 – 12:00 Noon PEMAC Business Meeting 12:30 – 3:00 PM Family Advisory Network Meeting		
EMSC Meetings and Education	Pediatric EMS Champion Forums Pediatric Nurse Champion Forums Pediatric Physician Champion Forums 2026 Schedule posted on the Maryland EMSC Pediatric Readiness website: https://www.miemss.org/home/EMS-for-Children/Pediatric-Readiness	

PEMAC meetings are held at the MIEMSS Central Office. If you would like to participate through web base meeting, a recurring GoToMeeting link has been created except for the May annual in person meeting. In-person attendance is required at 50% meetings annually to meet the EMSC State Partnership Grant metrics.



Emergency Medical Services for Children

Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems



Maryland EMS for Children Department Update: March 2026 Update

Advocacy: Prevention Messaging for Winter:

- ☑ **March Safety** resources include: National Poison Prevention Month: March 15–21, 2026

<https://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov/what-you-can-do/poison-prevention-week>

<https://poisoncenters.org/nppw>

<https://www.mdpoison.com/>

To request materials for March Poison Prevention activities- online form located @

<https://www.mdpoison.com/education/materials/>

- ☑ **April 19–21, 2026 National Life Savers Conference** will be held @ Baltimore Convention Center. Website link - <https://lifesaversconference.org/registration/>

Pediatric Education EMS and Emergency Department Professionals:

🚑 **Maryland ENA Conferences:** ENA by the Bay will be May 28 & 29, 2026 with details to follow

🚑 **2026 Conference** planning has started. Please email topics and speaker suggestions pepp@miemss.org

- **STABLE** course will be the pediatric preconference @ Winterfest and Miltenberger (EMS & ED) See Flyer.

	National EMSC Updates: 1. EMS Assessment on Pediatric Readiness- National Report Fact Sheet released 2/2026. Publication: Kothari K, Shah MI, Genovesi AL, Gausche-Hill M, Owusu-Ansah S, Hewes H, Moore B, Remick K. <u>Development of the National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project assessment.</u> Acad Emerg Med. 2024 Nov;31(11):1173-1180. doi: 10.1111/acem.15012. Epub 2024 Sep 19. PMID: 39300687. 2. National Pediatric Readiness Project Assessment (NPRP 2026) will launch in March 3, 2026 across the country. https://emscimprovement.center/news/2026-national-pediatric-readiness-project-nprp-assessment-coming-soon/ 3. EMSC EDC: Public Prehospital Pediatric Quality Measures Dashboard (NEMSIS) https://nemsis.org/public-prehospital-pediatric-quality-measures-dashboard/ 4. PECARN: https://pecarn.org/publications-studies/
	1. Pediatric Pandemic Network: https://resources.pedspandemicnetwork.org/ Online learning library - https://learn.pedspandemicnetwork.org/course/?fp2course=1 2. Pediatric Disaster Centers for Excellence have a website that will have products developed by the three ASPR funded regions. https://www.pediatricdisaster.org/
	Maryland EMSC Updates: 1. FAN: Right Care When It Counts awards nominations are OPEN for 2026 (new flyers are available) https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2c1921de91fc485aa3121d9fce33f23b Due Date: February 1st annually with Star of Life Awards deadline 2. New page of EMSC Web resources: https://www.miemss.org/home/EMS-for-Children/Pediatric-Readiness
	📌 Safe Kids Maryland & Risk Watch Maryland Update: Safe Sleep messaging language was featured at the Safe Kids PrevCon. More details coming in the new year from joint efforts across Maryland. 📌 CPS Healthcare Project: CPS Technician courses for 2026 will be posted @ https://cert.safekids.org/become-tech . Specific health care audience training is available - contact cps@miemss.org. 📌 Vehicular Heatstroke Prevention – new poster available from MIEMSS, national Kick-off dates May 1, 2026 – National Heatstroke Prevention Day Awareness (SKWW & NHTSA) May 29, 2026 – National Heat Awareness Day (all risk areas/ MOI) 📌 CPS Education: New displays coming in 2026 designed for EMS outreach. Interested in sharing your ideas – email CPS@miemss.org.

For more information please call the Maryland EMS for Children office at 410-706-1758

Website: www.miemss.org look under departments, Click on EMS for Children



Pediatric Readiness Program & Education Update

March 2026



Pediatric Education Updates

- ☐ The first annual **MD EMSC Pediatric Ready Conference**:
 - Supported by Maryland EMSC State Partnership Grant and MIEMSS EMSC
 - Interdisciplinary with very positive feedback. Full report in May
- ☐ Pediatric Reference Cards & Posters and Pediatric Trauma and Burn Reference Cards & Posters have been distributed to through EMS and ED Nurse Champions. Additional copies are available upon request (targeted for all working in EMS & ED)
- ☐ Winterfest 2026 and Miltenberger 2026 conferences include a **S.T.A.B.L.E.** (Sugar, Temperature, Airway, Blood pressure, Lab work, Emotional support 7th Edition) **Course** for both EMS and ED clinicians. S.T.A.B.L.E. focuses on the first few hours of care for newly born infants – post the APGAR, post resuscitation and pre-transport. Registration will be through each conference's web portal.

Pediatric EMS Champion Update

- 🔧 Pediatric **EMS Champion** Ongoing Projects
 - New Champions continue to join the EMSC team with staffing changes.
 - Plan is to turn Orientation Webinar into online learning module for future champions to watch as part of onboarding process
 - Spring forum will be held on **Wednesday, April 15th 2026 at MIEMSS**. In person training, full day.

Pediatric Nurse Champion Update

- 🔧 Pediatric **Nurse Champion**
 - Pediatric Facility Recognition Program monthly “Office Hours” to address questions about the application and process are scheduled through March 2026
 - FAQ document from Office hours posted on webpage
 - ENPC Course scholarships for Pediatric ED Champions (or designee) are available.
 - Spring forum on **Thursday, April 16th 2026**. In person training, full day, Frederick Health.

Pediatric Physician/APP Champion Update

- 🔧 Pediatric **Physician/APP Champion** Forum is a joint AAP COPEM and ACEP Pediatric committee collaboration with MD EMSC.
 - Next Forum will be Wed, **April 29th, 2026 from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM (Virtual)**

	Launches: Tuesday March 3, 2026 Target: 5000 ED in USA Online survey (1 per hospital)	MD EMSC: Orientation & Office Hours: March 11, 2026 @ 1:00 PM Join GoToMeeting: https://meet.goto.com/797126829
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Pediatric Champion forum dates for 2026 have been finalized and are attached. Calendar posting for 2026 will be included on the Maryland EMSC Pediatric Readiness webpage: <https://www.miemss.org/home/EMS-for-Children/Pediatric-Readiness>

Maryland Pediatric Facility Recognition Program is open for applications. Program Description is located on the EMSC/ Pediatric Readiness webpage: <https://www.miemss.org/home/EMS-for-Children/Pediatric-Readiness-Hospitals>



Maryland EMS For Children

2026 EMS, EMSC & Life Safety Educational Conferences



Completed Conferences

Winterfest EMS : Jan 30 th – Feb 1 st , 2026 <i>Easton High School in Easton, Maryland</i> Pediatric Pre-conference S.T.A.B.L.E.	Pediatric Ready 2026: Feb 25 th , 2026 <i>M.I.T.A.G.S in Linthicum, MD</i>	Mid-Atlantic Transport Conference: February 26 th – 27 th , 2026 <i>M.I.T.A.G.S in Linthicum, MD</i>
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Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar: March 13th & 14th, 2026
Rocky Gap Casino & Resort in Flintstone, Maryland
Pediatric Pre-conference: The S.T.A.B.L.E. Program
[Registration closed February 27, 2026](#)

Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Seminar: March 21, 2026
NRPA “Steps to Safety” Train the trainer workshop (Senior Falls & Fire Prevention)
MFRI HQ in College Park, Maryland
<https://www.mfri.org/course/seminars/MGTS/201/>

2026 Lifesavers Conference on Roadway Safety, April 19-21, 2026
Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD
This takes the place of the MHSO Summit in 2026
<https://lifesaversconference.org/>

★ **Pediatric Readiness Symposium: DC EMSC May 7, 2026: 8 AM to 5 PM**
Inventa Office Building, 1 Inventa Place, Silver Spring Maryland
[For Registration see QR Code on their Flyer](#)

★ **Patuxent River EMS Conference: May 16 & 17, 2026**
St. Mary's County, MD
[More information and registration link coming](#)

Maryland ENA by the Bay State Conference May 28 & 29, 2026
BWMC Education Center, Glen Bernie, MD
[More information and registration will be through Event Brite](#)

PREPARE 2025: School Safety Conference July 22 & 23, 2026
Turf Vally Resort, Ellicott City MD (free – encourage 2 per agency)
<https://schoolsafety.maryland.gov/Pages/conference.aspx>

67th MidAtlantic Life Safety Conference: September 15, 2026
Crown Plaza Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland
For more information, visit <https://www.fabscom.org>

2026 Topics in Trauma Conference: September 2026 (date to follow)
Tidalhealth Education Center in Salisbury, Maryland
Register will be online at www.tidalhealth.org/trauma-conference

Mid Maryland ENA Memorial Conference: November 6, 2026
Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Maryland
[More information and registration link coming over the summer](#)



This star indicates a new conference posting. More conferences & seminars will be added as dates are finalized

Email: Education to pepp@miemss.org and CPS & OP information to cps@miemss.org

[As of March 1 2026](#)



CPS & OP Healthcare Project
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PEMAC UPDATE – March 4, 2026

The CPS & OP Healthcare Project

- Conducted a training on CPS and the hospital car seat distribution program for Northwest Hospital ED staff on January 27th, and for Adventist's Shady Grove Medical Center and White Oak Medical Center on Feb 18th.
- Provided a car seat to Medstar Franklin Square Hospital who needed an infant seat that could safely accommodate a 3+ lb. newborn.
- Helped teach the STABLE course on January 30th, providing instruction on the topic of ambulance transport of pediatrics patients.
- Conducted two exhibits on CPS or OP: Winterfest EMS Conference, Jan 31 & Feb 1, and for the Pediatric Champions Conference on Feb 25.
- Helped develop a new poster on pediatric vehicular heatstroke prevention; had it translated into Spanish also. This is ready for distribution.
- Had our "Boost Your Safety" handout translated into Russian and Farsi by request of Baltimore County Public Schools. This should be ready for distribution soon.
- Helped at 3 seat checks or distribution events: Frederick on Jan 22 and Feb 22; and Oldtown Fire Dept (SK-Balt) on Feb 6.
- Senior-checked about 5 CPSTs.
- Wrote and submitted a proposal for the funding of this Project for FY27.
- Continued to provide car seats for families in emergency need, giving out 42 car seats to 12 different hospitals and one EMS agency (SK-MD partner). Receiving agencies can be mother-baby units, EDs, NICUs, and Peds in hospitals, or Safe Kids-Maryland partners.
- Project Coordinator participated in a training to become a Prenatal Vehicle Safety Educator.

- ✉ The schedules for regional car seat checks for 2026 are online at MDH.kiss@maryland.gov or contact this project.
- ✉ CPS Technician certification courses for 2026 through September are open for registration. Go online at www.cert.safekids.org to start the registration process.
- ✉ This grant can pay registration fees for healthcare clinicians who apply & are pre-approved.

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