

	Pediatric Emergency Medical Advisory Committee May 4, 2026 @ 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM 653 West Pratt Street - Room 212 Baltimore, MD 21201 In Person Only Meeting	
Type of meeting:	Pediatric Emergency Medical Advisory Committee <i>PEMAC Business Meeting @ 9:30 AM – 12 Noon</i> <i>Networking Lunch 12:00 PM for those attending either meeting in person</i> EMSC Family Advisory Network Council - Meeting @ 12:30 – 3 PM	
Member & Liaison Attendees	Rupal Udeshi MD, Corina Noje MD, Steve White MD, Jen Anders MD, Jen Guyther MD, Bruce Klein MD, Cyndy Wright Johnson RN, Danielle Joy RN NRP, Mary Ellen Wilson RN, Susanne Ogaitis-Jones MSPH, Yonnia Waggoner RN, Lisa Wilson EMT, Richard High EMT, Jill Dannenfelser RN, Jen Denault RN, Jessica Williams RN, Laurel Moody RN, Liz Berg RN, Jonathan Longest NRP, Scott Legore NRP, Dwayne Kitis NRP,	
Guests:	Meg Stein NRP	
RSVP regrets:	Ryan Stacey NRP, Karen O'Connell MD, Rob Carter RN NRP, Suzanna Martin MD	
	Agenda & Minutes Approved by PEMAC 7/1/2026	
9:30 AM	Welcome & Introductions 1. Member Roll Call and brief introduction of visitors & guest 2. List of Documents, Liaison & Committee Reports	Cynthia Wright Johnson RN
9:35 AM	PEMAC Business: 1. Approval of March 4, 2026 Minutes: motion by Laurel Moody, second by Jon Longest, unanimous approval. 2. 2026 Meeting Schedule posted and e-appointments sent ★ July meeting will be followed by Pediatric EMS Protocol writing forum 3. Vacancy: Region 1 Pediatric Medical Director 4. Membership requirement is attendance @ 3 in-person meetings	Rick High EMT/ Laurel Moody RN Cyndy Wright Johnson RN
9:45 AM	PEMAC May 2026 Consent Agenda: 1. EMSC & Pediatric Readiness Update – handout 2. Safe Kids & Risk Watch Update – handout 3. 2026 Educational Conference List – handout 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 – 2026 New protocols for discussion: (July 2027 implementation) 1. PDTree Protocol narrative and algorithm will be reviewed at the July PEMAC meeting for mid-year implementation. PEMAC and PRC approved moving to the general protocols from research protocols in concept. Document editing and list of recognized hospitals is needed for mid year implementation. 2. PediDOSE research protocol (CNH and PGF&EMS participating) will end on July 30 th and the protocol returns to the existing statewide protocol. 3. PediPART research protocol has concluded (CNH and PGF&EMS participating) and will be removed from 2026 protocols. 4. Rollout Training video for BLS and ALS will be published May 4, 2026 with the Base Station summary version by early June.	Jen Anders MD Meg Stein NPR

	5. All proposals for 2027 must be submitted prior to June 11, 2026 (Wednesday) for discussion at July 1, 2026 PEMAC and extended protocol afternoon forum. 6. New proposals may be submitted four weeks before the next PEMAC (format online - https://www.miemss.org/home/ems-providers/protocols in the right column)	
10:15 AM	Maryland EMSC Department & SP Grant Updates: 2026 Forum calendar for all three champion groups is finalized and attached to handouts. Pediatric Ready 2026 Conference on Wednesday February 25, 2026 attendance included EMS, Nursing, Physicians and one pharmacist that included both pediatric champions and others interested. Mixed agenda of lectures and skill stations received very positive feedback. The conference was free (grant funded) which may have contributed to the 20 % no show rate that is experienced at other venues. MD EMSC is planning for a 'second annual' Peds Ready Conference in late fall or spring 2027 pending full grant funding. - DC EMSC is hosting an EMS focused Pediatric Conference on May 7, 2026 at the Inventa Silver Spring. - Year 4 EMSC SP Grant (4/1/26) Progress Report (application) was submitted and approved. Currently only funded at 33% due to delays in federal grant approvals. PM 1.0 National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP) 2026 NPRP Assessment (HRSA/EMSC) launched March 3 2026 and is based upon the Feb 2026 Policy Statement and Technical Report. Orientation on March 11th with Office Hours held April 16th and every Wednesday at 2pm starting April 22 until all 50 hospitals have completed. May 1, 2026 – 29 hospitals have completed the National NPRP Assessment with phone calls starting this week to the remaining 21. - Pediatric Nurse Champion Forum – April In Person meeting was hosted by Frederick Health and included presentations by Champions on Pediatric Resource Binder, Bereavement Services, Pediatric Education through Escape Room model. Office hours for both the 2026 NPRP Assessment (above) and the Maryland Pediatric Facility Recognition Program were included. - ENPC Course Scholarships – remain available through Pediatric Nurse Champion (1 or 2 per hospital) - Pediatric Physician Champion Forum- April 29th (virtual) focused on ReEmerging Infectious Diseases with presentation by Dr. Karen Schneider from JHCC.. - Newly Born reference poster – Draft presented today before going to Graphics and then online production. Feedback from the committee included focusing each column on one aspect of the assessment/ treatment and to decrease any repeated information. Comments requested by May 20, 2026 to Mary Ellen. - Ongoing Projects: - Pediatric competencies & Pediatric simulation - Pediatric Transfer checklist – for community hospitals work group and template for simulations	Cyndy Wright Johnson RN Danielle Joy RN NRP Mary Ellen Wilson RN Jennifer Anders MD Mary Ellen Wilson RN

11:00 AM	PM 03: Family Centered Care Sub Committee 1. Right Care Awards for 2026: 10 nominations received with awards going out with Regional Press Conferences. 2. New Poster on ACT: Park, Look, Lock completed and available 3. Working on new Safe Sleep Poster that will decrease the focus on “Alone” as families report resistance to the term. The Display for MSFA will be update and include “Clear the Crib” challenge. 4. Planning for MSFA Steps to Safety 2026 ongoing and will be included in the afternoon Forum today. 5. Update from National FAN (EIIC work) met 4/2/2026 with sharing of local projects.	Lisa Wilson EMT
11:15 AM	PM 04: Disaster Preparedness 1. Region 3 Pediatric Subcommittee HCC will meet in June and renew efforts to compare pediatric annexes of different regionals groups. 2. Region 1 & 2 – working on pediatric transport devices. 3. Region 4 – no report 4. Region 5- “DISASTERPIECE 2026” conference June 18- 19, 2026 @ Bethesda North Marriot Conference Center 5. Region 5 conducted a drill on 4/22/2026 around the Preakness Event happening in Prince George’s County. Hospitals chose to focus on Family Reunification, or Language line access, or Decontamination. 6. TEEX Pediatric Course 439: was held in Howard County in April with positive feedback mirroring the February course in Carroll County. <u>Upcoming courses listed online include:</u> January 21-22, 2027 Romney West Virginia February 23-24, 2027 DC Health HQ, Washington DC June 16 & 17, 2027 Upper Marlboro, MD (UMMS CapRegion) Two near Pittsburgh 7. 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 has a new executive director. 📁 ACEP Updates - www.mdacep.org held their annual conference on 4/30/2026 with MD EMSC Pediatric Ready display. 📁 ENA Updates - www.mdena.org will host ENA by the Bay conference at BWMC (not by the bay) on May 29 with open registration. Mid Maryland conference will be November 6th at Holy Cross Hospital – information to follow. Calvert Health is hosting an ENPC course on June 15 & 16, 2026 to increase course director and instructor resources in Southern Maryland. 📁 SCHOOL HEALTH Updates: MDH recently held a meeting (February 24, 2026) with Maryland School Nurses to hear about experiences as school nurses, the state of school health in Maryland, and ways to improve the health of Maryland students and their families.	Bruce Klein MD Jen Anders MD Yonnia WaggonerRN Laurel Moody RN

	<u>Dates for conferences or training:</u> 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) 📎 Maryland Center for School Safety: https://schoolsafety.maryland.gov/ MCSS PREpare 2026 Conference – July 22-23, 2026 – Registration Open, held at Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City, MD (Emergency Preparedness, Security, Personal Connections, and School Culture & Climate) 📎 Critical Care Updates – upcoming conferences were shared and will be added to Educational calendar list. 📎 Commercial Ambulance Service Advisory Committee: SCT committee is meeting to discuss OB transport requirements in regulations. No pediatric topics at this time. 📎 Jurisdictional Affairs Committee (JAC @ MIEMSS): no report Please see written summary of submitted reports	Liz Berg RN Jill Dannensfelser RN Scott Legore NRP Rick High EMT & Ryan Stacey NRP
11:45 AM	Injury Prevention Sub Committee & Updates EMSC: CPS & OP Healthcare Project (Maryland DOT cps@miemss.org) ★ Heat stroke deaths have occurred already. There are six outdoor heatstroke displays available across the state. Email CPS@miemss.org for more information. Training videos on set up and management are on MIEMSS You Tube Account. - Feedback from LifeSavers 2026 Conference held in Baltimore with many Maryland presentations. Melaine Higgins NRP from Washington County presented on the EMS Supervisor 3in1 Car Seat program with very positive feedback. Safe Kids 2025 Meetings following PEMAC: Maryland SK September 2, 2026 @ 12:30 PM Maryland received a Safe Kids Month grant to support bike helmet distribution at MSFA. We will supplement with Toddler helmets as they were very popular last year. Public Fire & Life Safety Educator Seminar – March 21, 2026 – focused on NFPA Steps to Safety fire and fall prevention train the trainer. Grandparent Education on pediatric injury prevention was shared by MD ESMC. Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference – September 15, 2026 with details coming soon, Annapolis Maryland. Maryland Risk Watch/ MSFA –Full typed report is available Partnership for Safer Maryland www.safermaryland.org Partnership members (FREE) are eligible to apply for \$250 to attend a prevention conferences. Shared with Trauma QIC and Safe Kids Maryland members and partners. TraumaNET – https://www.maryland-traumanet.com/ - During EMS week there will be a series of Stop The Bleed trainings across the state. Large public event on May 17, 2026 at Martins State Airport.	Susanne Ogaitis Jones MSPH Cyndy Wright Johnson RN



Emergency Medical Services for Children

Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems



Maryland EMS for Children Department Update: May 2026 Update

Advocacy: Prevention Messaging for Winter:

- **May is Bike Safety & Trauma Awareness Month**
<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/safety-topics/bicycle-safety>
<https://www.safekids.org/blog/gearing-national-bike-month>
- **June Summer Safety**
<https://www.nsc.org/workplace/national-safety-month>
<https://safeboatingcampaign.com/>

Pediatric Education EMS and Emergency Department Professionals:

- 🚑 **Maryland ACEP Conference:** April 30, 2026 @ UMMS with Peds Ready display onsite
- 🚑 **Maryland ENA Conferences:** ENA by the Bay will be May 28 & 29, 2026 at BWMC
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ena-by-the-bay-2026-emergency-nursing-conference-tickets-1986099821029>

	National EMSC Updates: National Pediatric Readiness Project Assessment (NPRP 2026) launched March 3, 2026 across the country. https://emscimprovement.center/news/2026-national-pediatric-readiness-project-nprp-assessment-coming-soon/ EMSC EDC: Public Prehospital Pediatric Quality Measures Dashboard (NEMSIS) https://nemsis.org/public-prehospital-pediatric-quality-measures-dashboard/ PECARN: https://pecarn.org/publications-studies/
	Pediatric Pandemic Network: https://resources.pedspandemicnetwork.org/ Online learning library - https://learn.pedspandemicnetwork.org/course/?fp2course=1 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: 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 New page of EMSC Web resources: https://www.miemss.org/home/EMS-for-Children/Pediatric-Readiness
	📄 Safe Kids Maryland & Risk Watch Maryland Update: Bike Safety Month grant award for 2026 has been received and items are arriving for June MSFA Convention. 📄 CPS Healthcare Project: CPS Technician courses for 2026 are 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 May 2026



Pediatric EMS Champion Update

Pediatric **EMS Champion**

- Spring forum held on **Wednesday, April 15th 2026**
 - Three jurisdictions shared Best Practices – Simulations, Skills Training, Expansion of Pediatric Champion Roles
 - Began development of Sim on the Go for Pediatric Anaphylaxis
 - Created tools for additional injury prevention topics to expand resources offered by Pediatric EMS Champions
- Multiple new Pediatric EMS Champions across the State due to retirement and other transitions – all EMSOP's continue to be represented.

Pediatric Nurse Champion Update

Pediatric **Nurse Champion**

- Pediatric Facility Recognition Program monthly "Office Hours" to address questions about the application and process were done through April.
- 2026 NPRP Assessment (online national survey) Office Hours below – launched 3/3/2026 deadline 5/29/2026
- ENPC Course scholarships for Pediatric ED Champions (or designee) are available.
- Spring forum was held on **Thursday April 16** at Frederick Health Village Event Center. Approx 30 Maryland ED's represented. Topics include didactic, "office hours", safety toolkit, and ED Spotlight best practices by Sinai Hospital, Meritus Medical Center, and Northwest Hospital.

Pediatric Physician/APP Champion Update

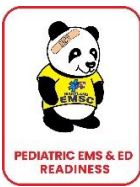
-  Pediatric **Physician/APP Champion** Forum is a joint AAP COPEM and ACEP Pediatric committee collaboration with MD EMSC.
 - Forum held Wed, **April 29th, 2026 from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM (Virtual)** with focus on Re-emerging Infectious Diseases
 - **July 29, 2026 Forum** agenda will be shared in June

	Launched: Tuesday March 3, 2026 Target: 5000 ED in USA Online survey (1 per hospital) Deadline May 30, 2026	MD EMSC: "Office Hours" Wednesday's at 2:00 PM (1400) April 22/ April 29/ May 6/ May 13 Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. 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, MD</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>
Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar: March 13 th & 14 th , 2026 <i>Rocky Gap Casino & Resort in Flintstone, MD</i> Pediatric Pre-conference: S.T.A.B.L.E.	Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Seminar: March 21, 2026 NRPA “Steps to Safety” Train the Trainer (Senior Falls & Fire Prevention) <i>MFRI HQ in College Park, MD</i>	2026 Lifesavers Conference on Roadway Safety: April 19-21, 2026 <i>Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD</i>

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 - CANCELLED~~
~~*St. Mary's County, MD*~~

Maryland ENA by the Bay State Conference May 28 & 29, 2026
BWMC Education Center, Glen Bernie, MD
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ena-by-the-bay-2026-emergency-nursing-conference-tickets-1986099821029>

DisasterPiece 2026: June 18 & 19, 2026
Region V Healthcare Coalition Conference in Bethesda, MD
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/mdregionv/2117541>

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 Mid-Atlantic 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)
Tidal Health 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

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PEMAC UPDATE – May 6, 2026

The CPS & OP Healthcare Project

- ★ **May 1 2026 – Heat Stroke Awareness Day** – social media focused
- Conducted a training for 4 Kent County EMS clinicians on March 25th and gave them two Graco Slimfits for non-emergency transport of children.
- Met with/trained an instructor at Harford County Community College's EMS program on March 24th and gave him a Graco Slimfit to help with training students.
- Gave an online training for Christiana Care Union Hospital's ED staff on CPS and the hospital car seat distribution program on April 9th.
- Gave a presentation at a community event on CPS at the Laurel Senior Center on April 4th.
- Helped teach the STABLE course on March 13th, providing instruction to about 20 healthcare clinicians on the topic of ambulance transport of pediatrics patients.
- Gave a presentation on heatstroke of children in vehicles on April 15th to the EMS Pediatric Champions at their day-long workshop.
- Attended the national **Lifesavers Traffic Safety Conference held in Baltimore April 19-21**. Gave one presentation on this project's emergency car seat distribution program for hospitals; had Melanie Higgins present on this project's EMS Supervisors' CPS program; served as a room monitor for one session; and hosted five healthcare providers from around the state to attend the conference to learn more about traffic safety.
- Conducted a training on OP/CPS for BWI's emergency medical staff on May 5th.
- Conducted three exhibits on CPS or OP: Miltenberger EMS Conference on March 14, Univ of Maryland Baltimore's Wellness Day on April 14th and for the Ntl Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners on April 23.
- Helped teach the Child Passenger Safety Technician certification course in Laurel (5 students) on March 31 and April 2nd.
- Helped at 2 seat checks or distribution events: Laurel Fire Station on April 2nd, Sinai Hospital on April 24.
- **Continued to provide car seats for families in emergency need, giving out 25 car seats to 7 different hospitals. Receiving agencies can be mother-baby units, EDs, NICUs, and Peds in hospitals, or Safe Kids-Maryland partners.**

- ✉ Sign up for regional car seat checks for 2026 are online at MDH.kiss@maryland.gov
- ✉ 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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