



## *Children experiencing health emergencies require specialized care.*

But for most emergency departments (EDs) and emergency medical services (EMS) agencies, pediatric cases are infrequent compared to adults. As a result, EDs and EMS agencies may not have the resources and skills they need to meet children's unique health needs.

For 40 years, the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program has worked to empower clinicians to provide high-quality, equitable emergency care for children. Through its five distinct arms and with support from the Family Advisory Network (FAN), the EMSC Program takes a multifaceted approach to improving outcomes for children in your state and across the nation.

 <b>DATA</b> Data Center (1 national center)	 <b>RESEARCH</b> Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network (7 research nodes)	 <b>INNOVATION</b> Targeted Issues Grants (5 projects)	 <b>QUALITY IMPROVEMENT</b> Innovation and Improvement Center (1 national center)	 <b>INTEGRATION</b> State Partnership Programs (57 programs)
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### EMSC FUNDING IN GUAM

FUNDING TYPE	2014-2023	2023 only
State Partnership Program	\$1,360,650	\$190,650*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,360,650</b>	<b>\$190,650</b>

\*State Partnership Program funding will decrease to \$174,250 annually for 2024-2027

### WHO EMSC SERVES IN GUAM



EMS Agencies

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Emergency Departments

2



Children and Their Families

54,032

## TERRITORY SPOTLIGHTS

Since 2000, the Guam EMSC Program has focused on implementing EMSC performance measures and other initiatives to improve pediatric emergency care. Recent examples include:

- **Kicking off Pediatric Readiness Recognition Programs.** Guam EMSC is kicking off both ED and prehospital pediatric readiness recognition programs. This is a big step for Guam EMSC, and we are involving all important key stakeholders to make these programs successful. The EMS medical director, the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) pediatric emergency care coordinator (PECC), the Guam Fire Department (GFD) PECC, and the EMSC pediatric medical director are actively engaged in making this collaboration happen. We are currently working with the GMHA ED and GFD to identify gaps in pediatric readiness.
- **Pediatric Equipment Training with Prehospital Personnel.** Held semi-annually in conjunction with GFD's ambulance inspection, this training provides EMS personnel with the opportunity to refresh their pediatric equipment skills. Guam's EMS directors have also updated policies and procedures to include pediatric considerations for all prehospital personnel. Part of the updates includes an assessment to measure personnel's knowledge. Additionally, Guam EMSC purchases pediatric equipment and provides training to EMS personnel prior to equipment distribution.
- **Full-Scale Disaster Exercise Planning.** In collaboration with GFD, Guam International Airport Fire Aircraft Rescue Firefighting, GMHA, Naval Hospital Guam, and other key stakeholders, Guam EMSC is helping to plan a full-scale disaster exercise that will include pediatric considerations. Concurrently, a comprehensive overview of the Aviation Disaster Drill, Airport Emergency Response Plan, and the Guam Emergency Management Plan is in progress.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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