

Creating a National Network to Interconnect Regional Entities with ASPR Assets

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THE NEED

Recent health crises exposed and exacerbated disparities: mental health crisis, respiratory surge, COVID-19.

Disproportionate risk, limited resources and infrastructure, and high consequence outcomes!



25%

Percent of U.S. population - children -
with unique healthcare needs

47.5%

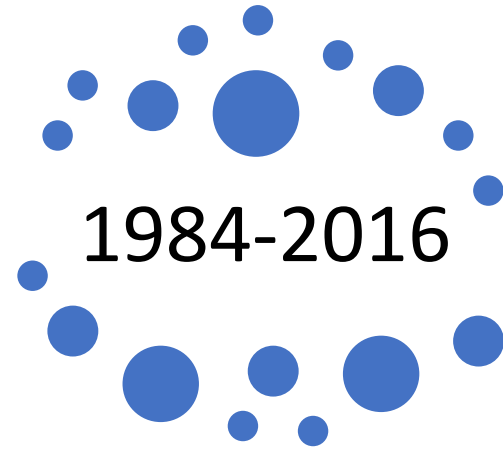
Hospitals with pediatric-specific
disaster plan

30 MILLION

Children who seek emergency care
each year

69.5/100

Median score of Emergency Departments
pediatric readiness in the U.S.



2019



- **1984** – EMSC Program Authorized
- **2012** – Launch of National Pediatric Readiness Project
- **2016** – EMSC Innovation & Improvement Center replaces the National Resource Center

- Launch of **Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project**
- ASPR Launches **Two Pediatric Disaster Centers of Excellence** (WRAP-EM & Region V for Kids)

- **2021-2022** – Creation of Pediatric Pandemic Network
- **2022** – ASPR Adds **Third Pediatric Disaster Center of Excellence** (Gulf 7)

Three Pediatric Disaster Centers of Excellence

- Funded by the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR)
- Bring together children's hospitals, private and public entities, and national organizations
- Designed to disseminate best practices in pediatric disaster preparedness, response, and recovery on a regional level



Gulf 7-Pediatric Disaster Network

- Awarded in 2022
- Anchored at Texas Children's Hospital (Houston, TX)
- 7 states/territories: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Puerto Rico, Texas



Western Regional Alliance for Pediatric Emergency Management (WRAP-EM)

- Awarded in 2019
- Anchored at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital (Oakland, CA)
- 6 states: Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington

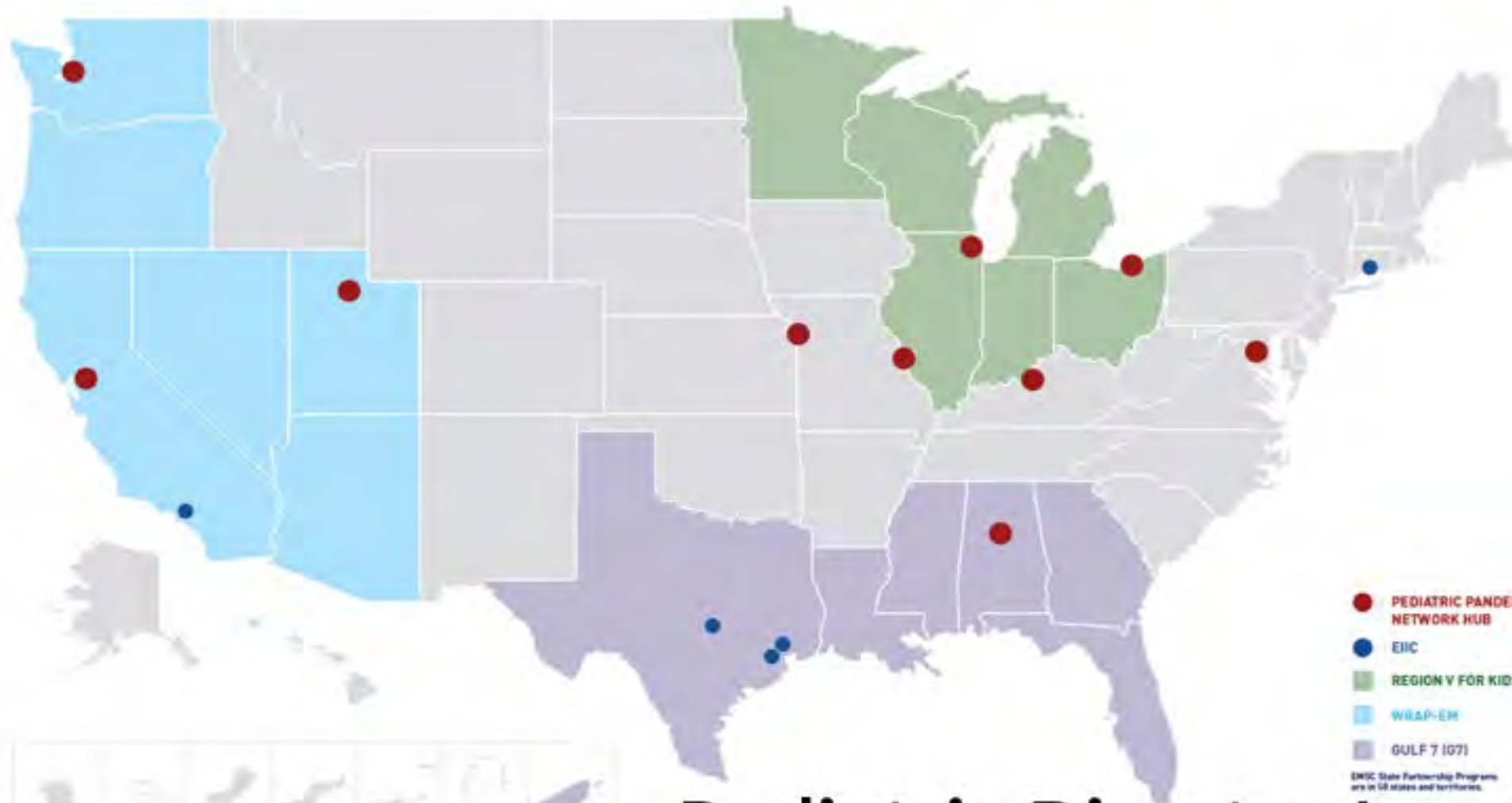


Region V for Kids (formerly EGLPCDR)

- Awarded in 2019
- Anchored at UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital (Cleveland, OH)
- 6 states: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin



Federally Funded Networks for Children in Disasters

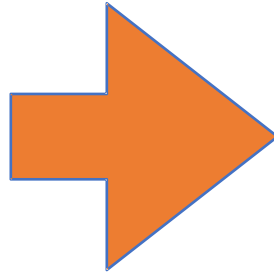


Pediatric Disaster Landscape

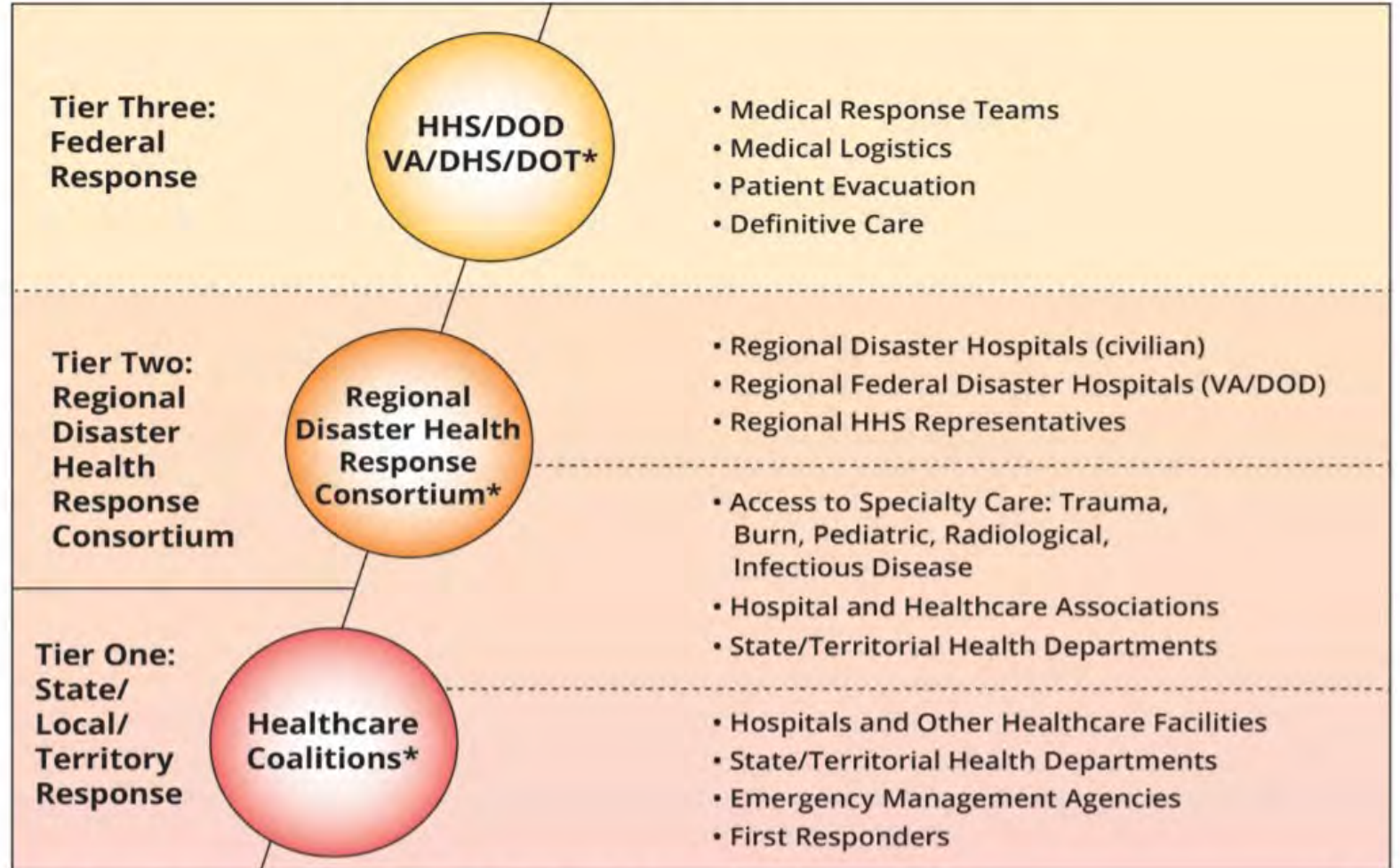
Geographic Reach: Regional Disaster Health Response Systems and Pediatric Disaster Centers of Excellence



The ASPR
Vision of
Pediatric
Disaster
Centers of
Excellence

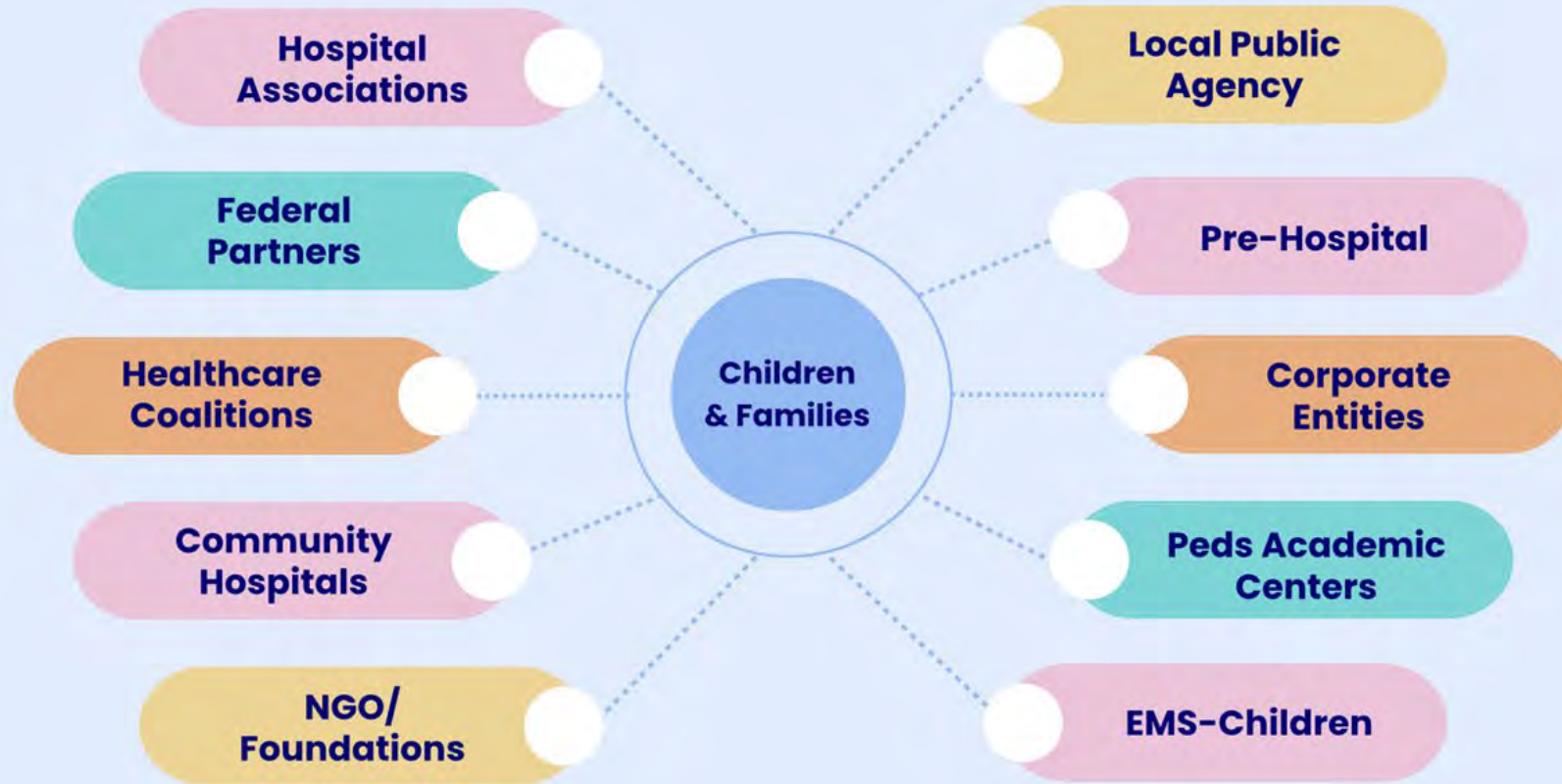


21st Century National Disaster Medical System Framework A Tiered Response Structure



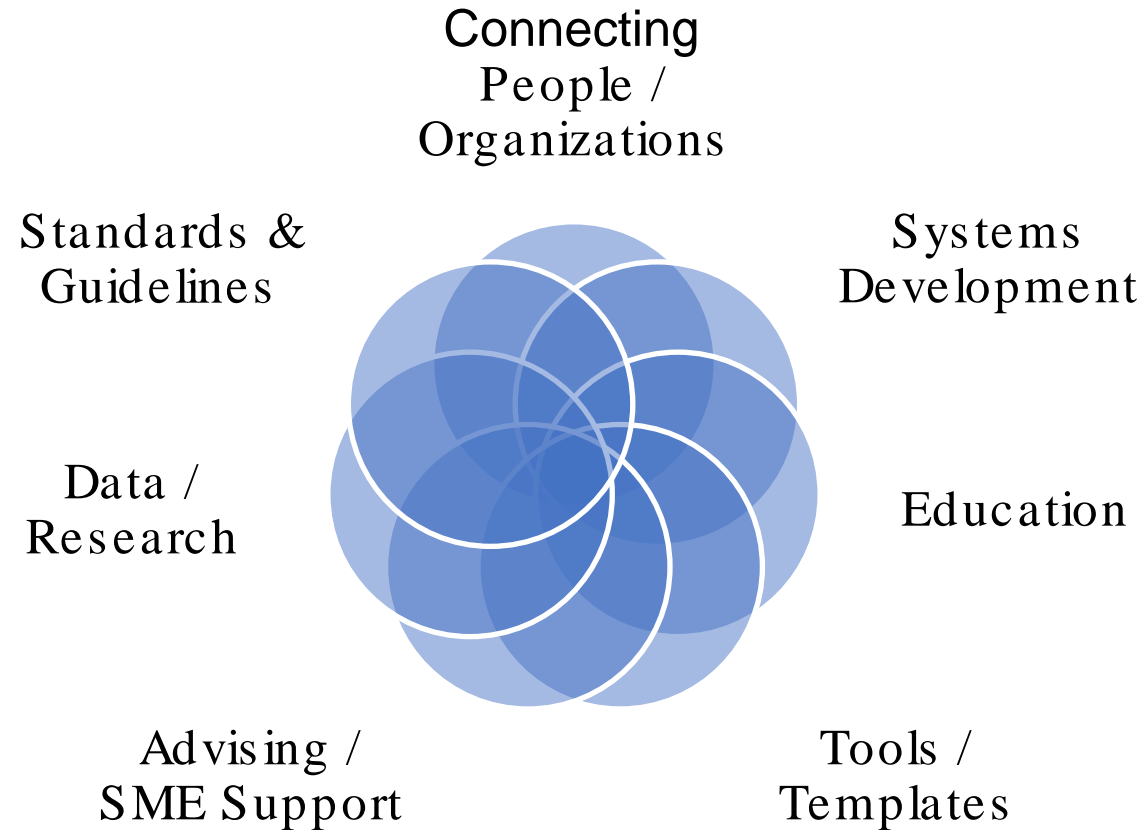
*Disaster response coordinating entity at the local/state, regional, and federal levels.

PDCOE Partners



The PDCOE's:

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU.



PDCOE Pillars

- **Develop** a coordinated pediatric disaster care capability
- **Strengthen** pediatric disaster preparedness plans and coordination
- **Enhance** state and regional medical pediatric surge capacity
- **Increase** healthcare professional educational competency
- **Enhance situational awareness** of pediatric disaster care across the spectrum

HOW WE CONTRIBUTE TO PEDIATRIC PREPAREDNESS CAPABILITIES

- Approachable subject matter experts
- **Trusted Consultation: preparedness & response efforts**
- Real time **situational awareness** in region
- **Identify gaps in addressing pediatric-specific concerns**
- **Create resources** to educate pediatricians, hospitals, and caregivers of children
- **Discussions** inclusive of health disparities & inequities



PDCOE in Action

- Respiratory Surge
- Responded to our Regional Healthcare Coalitions
- Real-time Situational awareness
- Disseminated tools for Just-in-Time care of children
- Participated in 10 ASPR-hosted regional webinars to listen to HCC, hospitals and others and provide resources

JOINT PDCOE PEDIATRIC SURGE REPORT



2021-2023

Pediatric Disaster
Centers of Excellence

www.pediatricdisaster.org/



- **COE range of work:** domains, expertise, educational output, preparedness products
- **Deep connections with Children’s hospitals,** the American Academy of Pediatrics, Emergency Medical Services for Children and the Pediatric Pandemic Network (although funded by HRSA and not ASPR, much overlap in mission and investigators)
- **Most investigators/leaders in COE work in academic medical centers** at children’s hospitals and have had significant preparedness experience (education, experiential with deployments, advocacy, HCC and state partner involvement, etc)
- **Academic products**
 - COE outreach efforts on behalf of children
 - Addressing disparities
 - Surge playbook
 - Regional Planning

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

www.cambridge.org/dmp

Original Research

A Pediatric-Focused Self-Assessment Tool on Vulnerabilities to Aid Regional Disaster Planning

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Regional Disaster Health Response System: An Overview

Health Care Readiness

Health Care Readiness in Action: Stories from the Field +

- History
- Funding
- Purpose
- Scope
- Geo reach

These Systems stood up with funding from ASPR starting in 2018, predating the Pediatric Centers of Excellence by a couple of years, but the missions of the RDHRs and the PDCOE's have much alignment around the pediatric population

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RDHRS Goals

The four primary goals of the RDHRS are to:

Regional Disaster Health Response System Goals

Improve Organization and Coordination
across local, state, regional, and federal
healthcare response assets

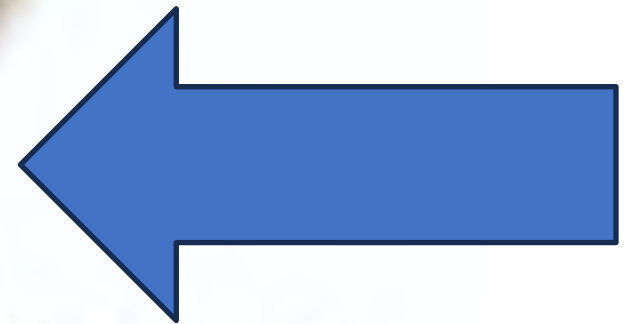
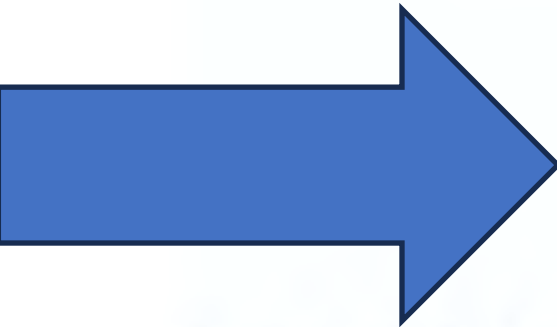
Improve Situational Awareness
of the medical needs and issues
in response



Identify and Further Develop Highly Specialized Clinical Capabilities critical to unusual hazards or catastrophic events



Increase Healthcare Coalition Participation to ensure that states and regions maintain accessible and response-ready clinical capabilities that are essential in disasters and public health emergencies



REGION 1

Regional Disaster



MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL HOSPITAL

CENTER FOR
DISASTER MEDICINE

RDHRS Disaster Telehealth

Providing Care for Pediatric Patients with Acute Respiratory Illness:

The Region 1 RDHRS has established a weekly educational series comprised of six sessions to provide clinical teams from nursing, provider, and respiratory therapy disciplines with information and resources that can support their work to meet the healthcare needs of pediatric patients.



RDHRS WEBINAR SERIES
PROVIDING CARE FOR PEDIATRIC PATIENTS WITH ACUTE RESPIRATORY ILLNESS

mechanisms that link
community partners and
local patient care during

Just-in-Time



Pediatric Resources

- Region VIII Pediatric Respiratory Surge Resource Page (updated 1/18/2023)
- ASPR TRACIE
 - Pediatric Surge Resources
- Children's Hospital of Colorado
 - Clinical Pathways from A to Z
- EMS for Children (EMSC)
 - Colorado
 - EMSC Colorado | Pediatric Respiratory Resources
 - Montana
 - North Dakota



Region 8
MOUNTAIN PLAINS
Regional Disaster
Health Response System

Management of Burns in a Disaster Setting

July 2024

Annette Newman (Matherly)

Management of Burns in a Disaster Setting

Region V for Kids (PDCOE) and Region VII collaborated to have pediatric burn care experts review the regional burn plan before their recent regional exercise

MIDWEST BURN REGION DISASTER RESPONSE

MINNESOTA

- Duluth**..... Essentia Health St. Mary's Medical Center
877.796.4944
- St. Paul**..... Regions Hospital Burn Center
800.922.2876
- Minneapolis**..... Hennepin Healthcare
612.873.2915

NEBRASKA

- Lincoln**..... CHI Health St. Elizabeth's Regional Burn and Wound Center
800.877.2876

KANSAS

- Kansas City**..... Burnett Burn Center
913.589.6540
- Wichita**..... Ascension Via Christi Regional Medical Center
316.268.5388

MISSOURI

- Columbia**..... George David Peak Memorial Burn Care Center
573.882.2876
- Kansas City**..... Children's Mercy Hospital Burn Unit
816.234.3520
- Kansas City**..... Grossman Burn Center at Research Medical Center
816.276.4325
- Springfield**..... Mercy Burn Center
417.820.2910
- St. Louis**..... Mercy Hospital St. Louis' Burn Center
314.251.6055
- St. Louis**..... Barnes Jewish Hospital
314.362.5345



WISCONSIN

- Madison**..... University of Wisconsin Burn Center
608.263.1490
- Milwaukee**..... Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
414.266.2000
- Milwaukee**..... Ascension Columbia St. Mary's Regional Burn Center
414.585.1163

IOWA

- Iowa City**..... University of Iowa Burn Center
866.890.5969

ILLINOIS

- Chicago**..... University of Chicago Burn Center
800.621.7827
- Chicago**..... Sumner L. Koch Burn Center
312.864.3144
- Maywood**..... Loyola University Medical Center
708.216.3988
- Springfield**..... Regional Burn Center
217.788.3325
- Rockford**..... OFC St. Anthony's Medical Center
815.395.5313

2023 WRAP-EM Pediatric Surge Playbook

TELEMEDICINE ▾ SPECIALTY COLLABORATIONS

Tele-EMS

2023 WRAP-EM Pediatric Surge Playbook

How to Use

1. Review the Operational Framework & Playbook Structure
2. Reference the Table of Contents for organizational level information

1.) Hospital facilities
2.) Interagency groups (ESF#8, HCA, etc.)
3.) Pediatric Medical Operations Center

Watch on YouTube



Region V for Kids began to collaborate with RDHRS Telemedicine Project Team(s)

- This cross-sites work began with participation in mass casualty exercise to demonstrate telemedicine use regionally (kudos to Dr. Tehnaz Boyle, Region 1 Telemedicine leader)
- Region 1 RDHRS and Southern Region have some mature telemedicine projects
- Pediatric COEs and RDHRSs meet monthly and our cross-sites team includes ASPR leaders working on a national delivery platform
- We endeavor to explore the use of virtual care technologies in all aspects of the disaster cycle, including prehospital care AND to ensure that the needs of children are considered throughout



NETN: National Emergency Telemedicine Network





ASPR Disaster Telemedicine Program Updates

Region 5 Partner Webinar October 2, 2024

CDR Dina Passman, USPHS, Director

Dr. Chris Crabtree, Sr. Emergency Management Specialist

CDR Lisa Tung, USPHS, Data Scientist*

Amy Keim, Sr. Medical Officer

Mission and Vision

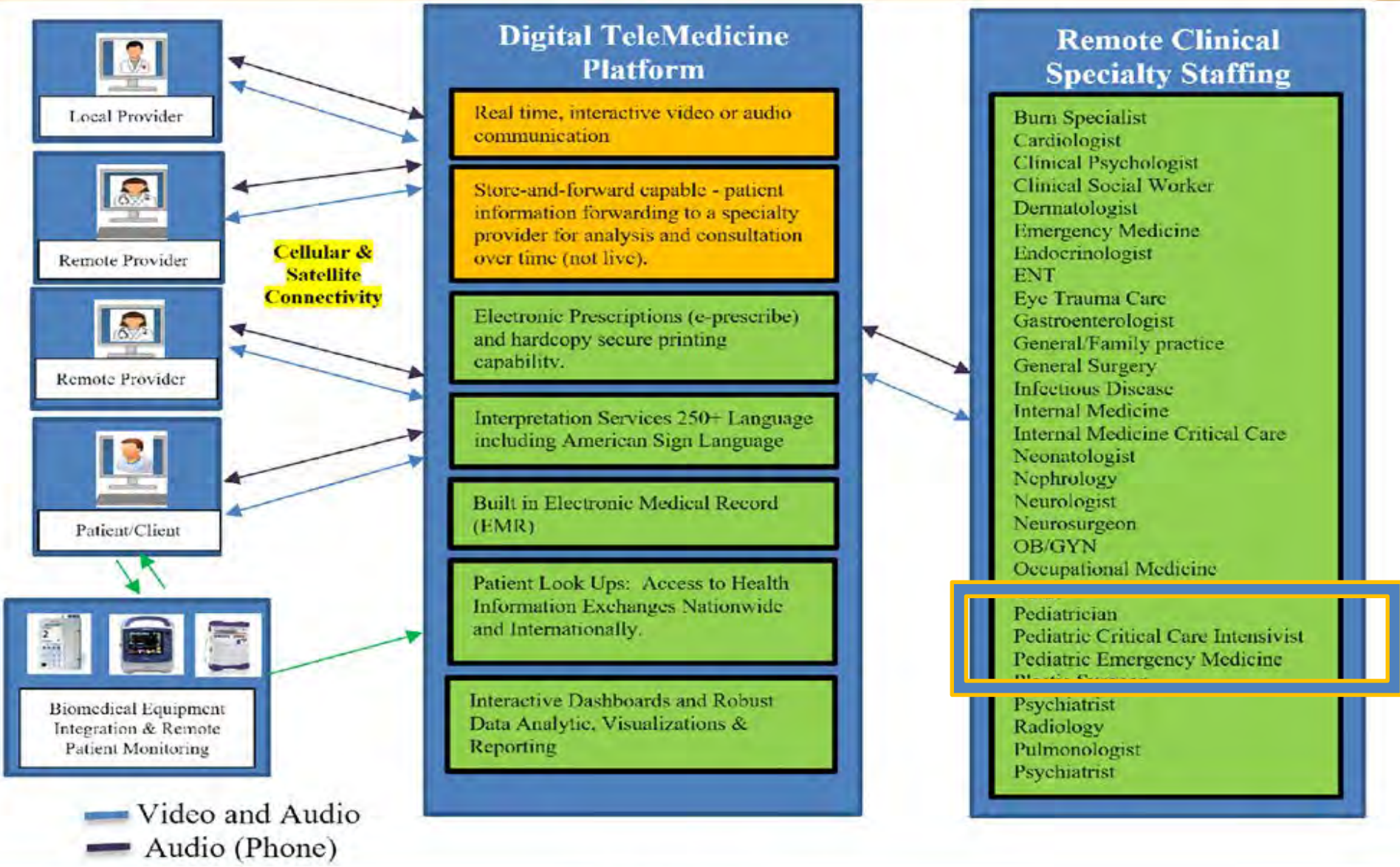
Mission

The ASPR Disaster Telemedicine Program's mission is to provide the best care to disaster-stricken communities using remote clinical specialists when and where they're needed.

Vision

ASPR will provide unrivaled virtual specialty support to federal emergency responders and their partners.

The Disaster Digital Telemedicine Architecture



The Pediatric Disaster Centers of Excellence engage with our RDHRS colleagues AND ASPR so that when developing Telemedicine responses to Disasters and Pandemics, the needs of children are considered throughout planning and response

Purpose and Goals of PDCOE and RDHRS Cross Sites Project- **Kick Off January 2024**

Purpose: Share and develop advanced pediatric disaster innovations across a network of regional disaster health response systems.

Objectives:

Create a venue for sharing pediatric disaster expertise across a network of federally funded regional health response projects.

Leverage existing pediatric disaster preparedness and response expertise.

Identify and develop methods for pediatric gaps in disaster preparedness and response.

Announce open-invitation opportunities for pediatric-centric conferences, workshops, education, and exercises.

Promote advancements in pediatric disaster preparedness and response.

Cross-sites Disaster Preparedness Forum: Pediatrics

Forum Meeting Notes – **16 April 2024**

Mountain Plains

Virtual pediatric exercise involving state EMSC, public health, load leveling and peds transport

Pediatric Critical Care Course for non-pediatric providers

Region VII

Project to establish a **PMOCC at Children's Mercy** to coordinate transfer and load leveling? concern for the regional bed capacity as a major pediatric challenge

Cross-sites Disaster Preparedness Forum: Pediatrics

Forum Meeting Notes – **16 July 2024**

Presentation on PPN *Implementing a Checklist to Improve Hospital Pediatric Preparedness and Response*

Research project – presented by Dr. Jefferson Barret to improve preparedness for NON-children's hospitals

Cross-sites Disaster Preparedness Forum: Pediatrics

Forum Meeting Notes – **16 July 2024**

Presentation on a *National Pediatric Dashboard* – presented by Dr. Matthew Denenberg from Region V for Kids PDCOE

The project seeks to establish a user-friendly, 50-state dashboard tracking the real-time availability of various inpatient pediatric beds and services. Currently a manual, daily update, but future plans for Application Programming Interface (API) would automate real-time

PPN Disaster Response Collaborative

HRSA funded Pediatric Pandemic Network, which has much overlap in personnel and focus as the PDCOEs, sponsors a collaborative to improve preparedness of children's hospitals

Cross-sites Disaster Preparedness Forum: Pediatrics

Forum Meeting Notes – **16 July 2024**

Midwest Region Burn Exercise

Multi-region exercise to review and validate a Midwest Region Burn Plan – open invitation for observers to attend

Mountain Plains RDHRS

Virtual pediatric exercise completed: need resources to understand if **increased pediatric mortality related to vaccine hesitancy**: Recommendation and offer to connect with PPN Infectious Disease and sharing of WRAP-EM/PPN Emerging Issue webinar series

R1 RDHRS

Plans reconstitute a **pediatric workgroup** and web-based pediatric resource tracking application

Cross-sites Disaster Preparedness Forum: Pediatrics

Forum Meeting Notes – **15 October 2024**

New **ASPR guidance to HPP includes** opportunity for update of **Pediatric Annexes**

Push to incorporate pediatrics in **ASPR TRACIE MOCC toolkit**

MCI featured a pediatric deployable team attached to state DMAT



Cross-sites Disaster Preparedness Forum: Pediatrics

Forum Meeting Notes – 15 October 2024

Gulf-7 PDCOE

Trauma and Grief Component Therapy (TGCT) program
Pediatric Preparedness Courses- 7 completed

WRAP-EM PDCOE

New package of chemical surge education
“Emerging Issue” workshop series

**Region 1 RDHRS kicked off their pediatric workgroup
(and their deployable team is recruiting *pediatric* team members)**

Opportunities Highlighted

Be Ready for Our Kids: Preparing for Everyday and Disasters

Every child at every hospital should receive appropriate care based on their needs. Data shows more than 50% of hospitals disaster preparedness plan lack the health care needs of children. AHA convenes Region V for Kids representatives to share evidence-based practices emergency departments can implement to meet the needs of children during disasters.



Be Ready for Our Kids: Preparing for Everyday and Disasters Oct 31

[Register Here](#)

Cross Sites October 16 Meeting: Region VII Burn Exercise of BURN PLAN Report



REGION BURN EXERCISE

Quick Facts

- 4-hour virtual exercise held on August 14, 2024
- Over 120 participants from 53 different organizations
 - Local (healthcare coalition coordinators), state (DHHS, public health) and regional (HHS - ASPR) partners
 - Burn centers & trauma centers

Exercise Objectives

- Identify the communication, coordination and transfer process of patients within the Midwest Burn Region during a large-scale event
- Discuss and define the burn plan and/or process for acquiring additional supplies for burn patients at a frontline facility during a prolonged delay to a burn center
- Review existing burn care assets and identify gaps that may occur
- Discuss alignment of HHS Region VII, ABA, R7DHRE during BMCI





Pediatric Disaster Centers of Excellence Joint Initiative

- ASPR & PDCOE Pls presented *Pediatric Issues Informing Current and Future Disaster Planning* ([slides](#), [recording](#))
- Informational briefing packet & *Joint PDCOE Pediatric Surge Report* to be [released soon](#)
- Visit the **PDCOEs** at a sponsored **NHCPC table**

New Logo



Region V for Kids

RV4K strategy meeting held in September. Key projects:

- Pediatric HVA
- Family Reunification
- Cybersecurity Workshop
- Telehealth Bystander Project
- Pediatric Disaster Medicine Educational Modules

Other Projects for Consideration as a Result of Focus Groups with Critical Access and Rural Hospitals.

Expanding Workforce to Include:

- Business Administration
- Communications
- Public Health
- IT/CISO



**October 16
Cross Sites
Project,
cont.**



Western Regional
Alliance for Pediatric
Emergency Management

New training pages:
Chemical Surge Planning:
Pediatric Considerations,



EMSC Collaborative Webinar Series, JIT Video Series

15 'til 50 MCI Toolkit

**15 'til 50
Pediatric Mass
Casualty Incident
Plan Template**

Pediatric Disaster Centers of Excellence and the Regional Disaster Health Response Systems will:

- **Continue** to strengthen their **collaboration** to ensure pediatric care resources are shared regionally and nationally
- **Continue** to work with **ASPR** and each other to develop methods to use telemedicine to provide care in disaster or pandemics, ensuring children's needs for pediatric providers are considered
- **Continue** to **advocate** that our team members effectively work and **support their Healthcare Coalitions** by contributing expertise, especially in pediatric care, and exploring best practices to deliver care **where the impacted community lives** using technologies such as **telemedicine**

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