Illinois EMSC Program Partnership Opportunity
A new competing EMS for Children State Partnership grant is anticipated for release in Summer 2017, which represents a new cycle of funding beginning March 1, 2018. To date this grant program has been a collaborative effort between IDPH and Loyola University Chicago. In light of future needs of the Illinois EMSC program, the Department has opened this opportunity to all schools of medicine in Illinois to explore all eligible partners interested in housing the Illinois EMSC program, and to assess resources that institutions can engage to support future goals/objectives and ensure continued growth and sustainability of EMSC initiatives. In February, partnership applications were sent to all schools of medicine in our state announcing this opportunity (due date was April 21st). Applications have been received and will undergo a panel review and other steps in this selection process. A final decision will be announced in late spring. Contact Evelyn Lyons if questions.

2017 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Awards
Nominations have been submitted for the 2017 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care awards. These awards are typically presented during EMS Week to recognize excellence by those dedicated to pediatric emergency/critical care and childhood injury. Three categories of awards will be presented: Lifetime Achievement, Clinical Excellence and Community Service. Award announcements will be made in May.

Federal EMSC Updates
The Federal EMSC Program is rolling out the following new EMSC Performance Measures in 2017:
- Degree to which EMS agencies submit NEMSIS compliant version 3.X or higher data to State EMS Office;
- Percent of EMS agencies in the state that have a designated individual who coordinates pediatric emergency care.
- Percent of EMS agencies in the state that have a process that requires EMS providers to physically demonstrate the correct use of pediatric-specific equipment.

Pediatric Facility Recognition
- Regions 1 & 10 hospitals are scheduled to undergo PCCC/EDAP, EDAP or SEDP surveys in May/June 2017.
- Region 9 hospital renewal applications are due Friday, May 26, 2017. Site surveys will take place in late fall/early winter 2017.
- Regions 3, 6 & 7 hospitals will undergo PCCC/EDAP/SEDP renewal in 2018.

Pediatric Education
- 2017 Summer School Nurse Emergency Care (SNEC) course - eight courses are scheduled this summer in Chicago, Elgin, Joliet, Maryville, Oak Brook, Peoria, Rockford and Winfield. This course provides school nurses with emergency/disaster preparedness education and resources to assist in their practice.
- The curricular materials for the EMSC JumpSTART Training Program were updated in 2016, and are available on the EMSC website (click on the Disaster Preparedness link, Other Resources page, then select MCI Triage). JumpSTART instructors - please replace any current curricular materials with these revised materials.
- EMSC educational modules available online include the following: Disaster Mental Health Response for Children, Pediatric Hyperglycemia and DKA, Pediatric Rapid Response Teams: Guidelines for Implementing a Team and Pediatric Seizures modules. Each module has an approved IDPH site code for continuing education hours (nurses and EMTs). Access the modules at http://www.publichealthlearning.com

Pediatric Disaster Preparedness
- An online JumpSTART Mass Casualty Triage training module is coming soon! It will mirror the face-to-face educational training, and will include scenarios and interactive features.
- Three online educational modules addressing Pediatric Decontamination, Pediatric Exercises/Drills and Pediatric Reunification are under development. The decontamination module will address key concepts and challenges associated with decontaminating children in a disaster situation; the exercises/drills module will outline strategies to incorporate children into disaster preparedness exercises; and the reunification module will review key concepts associated with the tracking of infants and children, and reunification with their families during a disaster incident.
- EMSC continues to recruit pediatric experts for the Pediatric Care Medical Specialist (PCMS) team within IMERT. This is a team of pediatric physicians and advanced practice nurses who will respond remotely during a disaster, providing pediatric consultation to hospitals that normally do not care for children. This is not a “boots on the ground team”. For information, contact Laura Prestidge at lprestidge@luc.edu
Data Initiatives


- The EMS Reporting System is a web-based query system that provides online access to state injury, illness and hospitalization trending for all age patients. Access the system at [http://app.idph.state.il.us/emsrpt](http://app.idph.state.il.us/emsrpt).