



# Welcome to PECC!



## Thank you for volunteering as a pediatric emergency care coordinator

We're glad you're here, making a difference by *Making Iowa Ready for Kids!* You may have volunteered to be a PECC for your own EMS service, or for multiple services in your region. Regardless of the role, the IDPH website [www.idph.iowa.gov/BETS/Pediatric-Resources/Pediatric-Emergency-Care-Coordinator-Resources](http://www.idph.iowa.gov/BETS/Pediatric-Resources/Pediatric-Emergency-Care-Coordinator-Resources) has multiple resources to help you bring pediatric-specific training and education to your service. First, as the PECC you'll get regular emails with a variety of offerings you can use as you like to enhance your training. You'll also receive an invitation to quarterly PECC webinars, where PECCs can share ideas and resources to make everyone's job easier. And you'll have access to our new PECC website, featuring information on:

- Pediatric equipment
- Continuing education
- Sample exercises and skills sheets
- Pediatric disaster preparedness
- Sample protocols
- Prevention programs
- And more! Check back often for updates!

See below for details specific to your role...

### I'm A PECC for One EMS Service

Welcome! As the peds champion at your service, your job is to bring pediatric-specific training and education back to your peers and help everyone stay ready to treat kids. Because you're there on the ground, you know best what your service should focus on. Check out the website materials and use them to schedule skills sessions, plan exercises, show training videos, stock your rig, reach out in your community — whatever you need.

It's suggested you bring some element of peds education to your service at least once per month. But you are welcome to go as far beyond that as your enthusiasm takes you! For help or with questions, please ask!

### I'm a PECC for Multiple Services

Thank you! You're maximizing your impact by reaching even more medics. The number of EMS agencies in your group doesn't necessarily expand your job, either. At a minimum, we ask that you email resources to those agencies at least once each month. You'll find a variety of choices on the website, or you can forward on the featured email content we send to you. What you do beyond the minimum depends on your time and the passion you bring to the job. You might consider: inviting other services to your trainings or hosting a joint training taught by you or an invited speaker; planning a joint skills/preparedness exercise (we have examples); sharing training equipment smaller services might lack such as intubation heads, limbs for IV/IO practice, OB

manikins, etc.; and more—your impact as a multi-service PECC is truly only limited by your time and creativity. You can serve as a connecting point for the services in a region that will need each other for mutual aid or disaster aid at some point. We are truly better together!

Be sure to join the quarterly webinars as you can, to share ideas with other PECCs. And don't hesitate to reach out for help if you need it. And give us your service mailing address so we can send you your official PECC certificate.

**Questions?** Contact Vicki Petersen, [vicki.petersen@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:vicki.petersen@idph.iowa.gov) or 515-321-7937.