

Pediatric Care Educational Forum Goes Virtual

"I learned a lot during the 2.5 hours in regards to pediatrics, COVID, and mental wellness. It was a great mixture of topics to keep us as participants focus and engaged. I'm excited to share this knowledge with my co-workers. I hope to have more opportunities to participate in similar forums in the future through EMSA."

Melinda Waters, Paramedic
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Public Health Problem (Issue)

The medical services children require is vastly different than the medical services for an adult. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought new concerns and restrictions that must be followed when dealing with emergency medical services for pediatric patients. EMS for Children (EMSC) is a speciality care program with a goal of ensuring that acutely ill and injured children have access to high quality, coordinated, and comprehensive emergency and critical care services appropriate for the special needs of all children. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, in-person conferences and training were not an option, yet field EMS and hospital emergency department personnel still require training on how to properly and effectively treat pediatric medical patients for all medical emergencies.

Taking Action (Intervention)

With the support of the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant, the 23rd Annual EMS for Children Educational Forum was held virtually via Zoom on Thursday, November 5, 2020. The original Zoom account was limited to 300 registrants; however, we were able to increase to 500 due to a large waitlist. 475 people registered for this event, a record-breaking event for the department.

Impact

Over 350 participants attended the virtual EMS for Children Educational Forum. The presentations were valuable to pre-hospital personnel as well as emergency department personnel in ensuring pediatric patients receive the best medical care possible. Participants were focused and engaged. Topics were well received and they included: COVID in Kids, pediatric resuscitation, and resilience toolkit. Two continuing education credits were provided to all EMTs, Paramedics, and RNs that attended and provided their license number.

Footnotes

N/A

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Healthy People Objective

Rapid Prehospital Emergency Care (EMS)

PHHS Block Grant Funding

100% - Total source of funding

