



*Champions of care fit for a kid*



*“When seconds count, emergency care providers, nurses and physicians should be up-to-date on the latest in pediatric emergency and critical care. TN EMSC provides on-going education and training so that the best care is given to every critically ill or injured child - no matter where they live.”*

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# Core Programs

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TN EMSC provides educational programs and advice to health care providers, including emergency medical responders, nurses and physicians, who care for children being treated for either an injury or an acute illness.

## **Advice and Consulting**

We provide personalized training & education.

## **Continuing Education Training: Online & Face-to-Face**

TN EMSC offers a variety of continuing educational programs. For a full schedule of classes, hours awarded, calendar and costs, please be sure to visit our website at [www.TNEMSC.org](http://www.TNEMSC.org)

## **Public Information Dissemination**

We provide the public with general educational information to educate them on being safe and prepared in the home – and in school – for emergencies. Information & online education include:

- Family Preparedness & Supplement for Children with Special Needs
- Disaster Preparedness for Schools

## **Resource Center**

Along with materials that TN EMSC has developed to prepare for and safeguard children before, during and after emergencies, we provide a vast array of relevant resources from programs all across the country.



## Helping Healthcare Professionals

Not only are we an advocate for Tennessee's children, but we are dedicated to keeping you up-to-date on what is going on in the legislature.



## **Sign-up for our Alerts!**

Make sure to sign up for our "Call to Action" alerts that notify you when important decisions or votes are imminent. Issues we follow include: disaster planning, injury prevention, and developments in emergency services for children. Sign up for alerts at

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# Our Accomplishments



- One of the first states in the country to develop a statewide transfer agreement plan, thus providing a process so that children can be transferred to the appropriate level of care after stabilization.
- Recipient of National EMSC Heroes Award State of Distinction.
- Instrumental in putting child passenger safety seats and helmet laws into place.
- Influential in providing funding for trauma centers that serve children.
- Serve as the “go to” resource for the people of Tennessee and beyond to find information on emergency medical needs for kids.

## Life and Death Difference

Medical care for children requires special training and equipment. As emergency care providers, you must be aware of, and trained on, these differences. As hospital administrators, you must ensure that your staff is up-to-date on the latest in pediatric emergency care.

Here are some of the key differences in children that make their care different from adults.

The Difference	Implications for Care
Greater surface area relative to body weight	Children must be protected against greater heat loss during resuscitation
Smaller airways	Special equipment & training is needed for intubation
Respiratory & heart rates differ with age	Knowledge of vital signs based on age is necessary
More pliable skeleton	Orthopedic injuries may be easily missed
Higher metabolic rates	Medication doses must be carefully calculated



# Our Partners

Our partners are comprised of a diverse and dedicated team of stakeholders.  
Some of the statewide professional organizations that we have teamed with include:

Baptist Memorial Hospital  
East Tennessee Children's Hospital  
Jackson-Madison County General Hospital  
Methodist LeBonheur Children's Medical Center  
Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt  
Rural Health Association of Tennessee  
T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital  
Tennessee Ambulance Service Association  
Tennessee Association of School Nurses  
Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians  
Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics  
Tennessee Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians  
Tennessee Chapter of the American College of Surgeons  
Tennessee Chapter of the Emergency Nurses Association  
Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers (PTA)  
Tennessee Disability Coalition  
Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Education Association  
Tennessee Hospital Association  
UT Medical Center

## We Need Your Help

A child's life may depend on you!  
To make a donation, please contact us at

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