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MEMORANDUM

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TO: MDAAP Members
FROM: Richard Lichenstein, MD, FAAP
Chair, Disaster Preparedness Committee
DATE: September 26, 2019
RE: **September is National Preparedness Month**

As we close out the month of September as National Preparedness Month here is a brief reminder of what you can do to as pediatricians and other partners who can also help.

The AAP National Preparedness Month web page (<https://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/children-and-disasters/Pages/National-Preparedness-Month.aspx>) includes resources from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE); strategies to connect with families to encourage disaster preparedness; steps to enhance influenza prevention and control; and much more.

It is important to consider strategically how best to connect with one another! Please see a few ideas listed below:

- Share best practices for pediatric emergency preparedness efforts.
- Work together to improve pediatric outcomes by identifying resources and opportunities within your area. Consider partnering on a conference or AAP chapter presentation.
- Get involved in regional drills or tabletop exercises; work with EMSC stakeholders to plan a pediatric-focused exercise or add a pediatric component to a community exercise (<https://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/Children-and-Disasters/Pages/Pediatric-and-Public-Health-Tabletop-Exercise.aspx>).

Additional Resources

- AAP Pediatric Disaster Preparedness and Response Topical Collection (<https://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/Children-and-Disasters/Pages/Pediatric-Terrorism-And-Disaster-Preparedness-Resource.aspx>)
- “How Can Your Partners Help You” Infographic (attached)

Feel free to contact me Richard Lichenstein at rlichenstein@som.umaryland.edu for any questions or assistance.

How can your partners help YOU?



AAP

American Academy of Pediatrics

ACEP

American College of Emergency Physicians

ENA

Emergency Nurses Association

NASEMSO

National Association of State EMS Officials

The organizational partners listed above all have a demonstrated interest in ensuring quality care for children, especially during emergencies or disasters. EMSC stakeholders can enhance their reach at the community and state levels and improve their ability to implement EMSC activities by connecting with these organizational partners to build relationships with national- and state-level experts and partners. Together we can achieve the following:

- Share best practices for pediatric emergency and disaster preparedness efforts.
- Collaborate to improve pediatric outcomes through identification of resources and opportunities.
- Work together to plan pediatric-focused exercises or identify pediatric components for community exercises.
- Develop a joint presentation with an EMSC stakeholder to offer ideas for improving children's preparedness.
- Integrate multidisciplinary perspectives into emergency-focused pediatric-specific documents.

General Resource & Contact Information

American Academy of Pediatrics

www.aap.org/EMSC

DisasterReady@aap.org

American College of Emergency Physicians

www.acep.org

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Emergency Nurses Association

www.ena.org | iqsip@ena.org

National Association of State EMS Officials, Pediatric Emergency Care Council

<https://nasemso.org/councils/pediatric-emergency-care/>

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I am looking for help with:

AAP

ACEP

ENA

NASEMSO

Recruitment of EMSC Advisory Committee Members	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Highlight accomplishments via presentations, newsletters, websites, poster presentations	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Access to national-level committees, subject matter experts	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Identifying and distributing organizational policies and recommendations	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Finding resources for family-centered-care	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Identifying expert speakers for conferences, meetings, and events	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Review of draft products or project plans	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Identifying government relations or federal affairs staff for advocacy of pediatric readiness and emergency initiatives	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Connecting to state chapter leaders	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inclusion on newsletter distribution and organizational listservs (upon request)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Connecting to state EMS office leaders (e.g., data, trauma, education, rural EMS, community paramedicine, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Distributing pediatric-focused questions via mini-surveys to peers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

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