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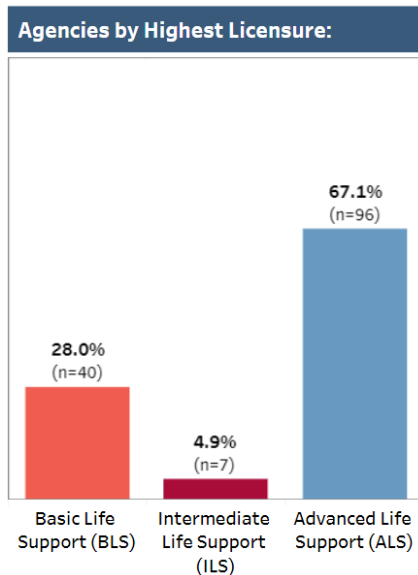


public 911 transporting & NON-transporting EMS agencies

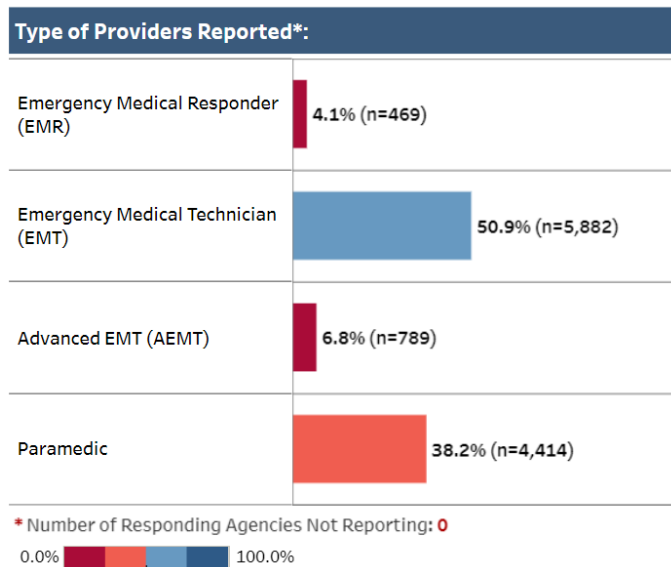


From across the state

Agencies by Highest Licensure



Type of Providers Reported



Pediatric Call Volume by Number and % of Agencies

Pediatric Call Volume by Number of Agencies and Association with PECCs:			
	Total Agencies	Num of PECCs by Volume	% of PECCs (ALL)
HIGH: More than 600 pediatric calls in the last year (more than 50 pediatric calls per month)	13	7	53.8%
MEDIUM HIGH: Between 101-600 pediatric calls in the last year (8-50 pediatric calls per month)	31	17	54.8%
MEDIUM: Between 13-100 pediatric calls in the last year (1-8 pediatric calls per month)	55	15	27.3%
LOW: Twelve (12) or fewer pediatric calls in the last year (1 or fewer pediatric calls per month)	42	10	23.8%
Reported None	2	0	0.0%
Grand Total	143	49	34.3%

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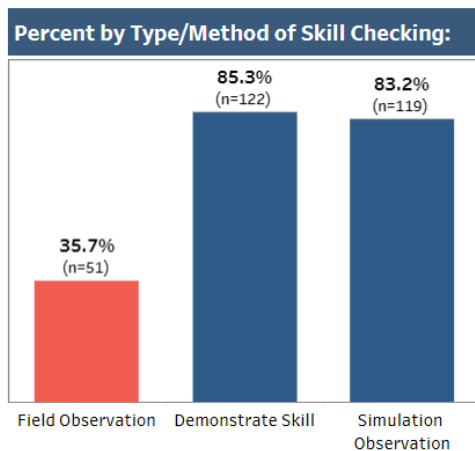
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Types of Methods for Physically Demonstrating Correct Use of PEDIATRIC-SPECIFIC Equipment

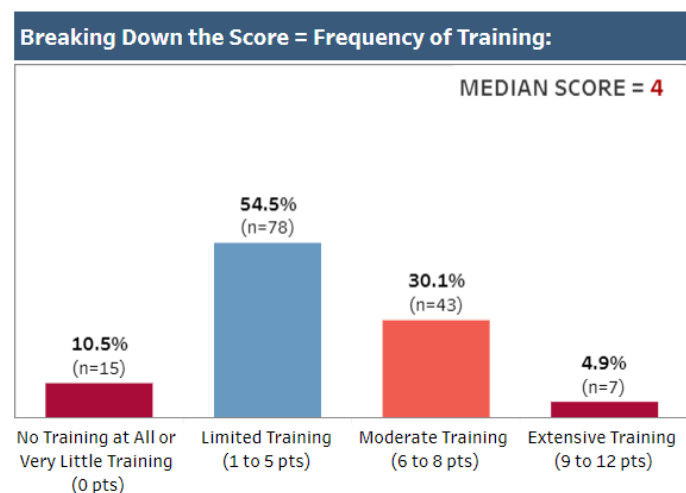


Use of Pediatric-Specific Equipment Results

Percent & Type/Method Skill



Frequency of Skill-Checking



Significance

The processes & frequency of skill-checking evaluations for EMS providers has long been established as important for the maintenance of skills when treating patients for improved patient outcomes.¹⁻³

Miller's Model of Clinical Competence provides a framework for clinical evaluation that theorizes that competency for clinical skills can be demonstrated for EMS through a combination of skill stations, case scenarios & simulations, & real-life field observations with a frequency of at least twice a year.³⁻⁴

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Resources

- **Pediatric Readiness in EMS Systems**
 - [Joint Policy Statement](#)
 - [Technical Report](#)
- **Prehospital Pediatric Readiness**
 - [Toolkit](#) (Education and Competencies for Providers)
 - [Checklist](#)
- [Pediatric Education and Advocacy Kits](#) (PEAK)
- [Use of Pediatric-Specific Equipment](#) (video)
- **Your NC EMS for Children Program Manager:**
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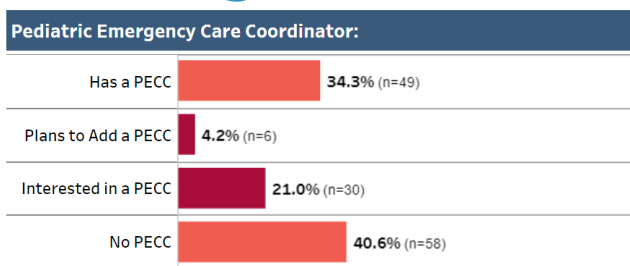
Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) Results

What is a PECC?



A designated individual(s), often called a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator or PECC, who is responsible for coordinating and championing pediatric-specific activities for an EMS agency. This individual(s) could serve as the PECC for one or more EMS agencies.

PECC at Agencies



PECC Oversees

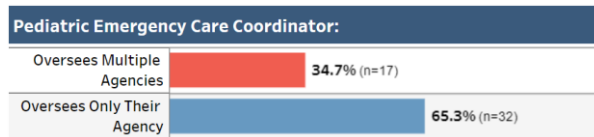


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Significance

A study of the readiness of hospital emergency departments (EDs) to care for children has shown that EDs are more prepared to care for children when there is a PECC who is responsible for championing & making recommendations for policies, training, & resources pertinent to the emergency care of children.¹ While this study was conducted in EDs, the 2020 joint policy statement,² *Pediatric Readiness in EMS Systems*, states the importance of EMS physicians, administrators, & personnel to collaborate with pediatric acute care experts to optimize EMS care for children to improve outcomes. In further support of the importance of EMS agency PECCs, a recent study “found that the availability of a PECC in an agency is associated with increased frequency of pediatric psychomotor skills evaluations.”³

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Agencies Who Have a PECC

Agencies who Have a PECC - Reported PECC Duties:	
Promotes pediatric continuing education opportunities	98.0% (43/44)
Ensures that fellow providers follow pediatric clinical practice guidelines and/or protocols	98.0% (40/48)
Ensures that the pediatric perspective is included in the development of EMS protocols	89.8% (44/49)
Ensures the availability of pediatric medications, equipment, and supplies	87.8% (43/49)
Oversees pediatric process improvement initiatives	85.7% (42/49)
Promotes agency participation in pediatric prevention programs	79.6% (38/48)
Promotes family-centered care	67.3% (33/49)
Coordinates with the emergency department pediatric emergency care coordinator	59.2% (28/48)
Promotes agency participation in pediatric research efforts	53.1% (26/49)
Other Activities	22.4% (11/49)

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