

# SD EMSC

# QUARTERLY NEWS

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## PEDIATRIC BAGS

This past quarter, Corolla had the pleasure of hitting the road to train providers on the Pediatric Bags they applied for. A special thanks to the Four Corners Volunteer Fire Department for hosting one of these training sessions! We're grateful for everyone who made the time to attend and for the cooperative weather that helped travelers get there safely. Looking ahead, more training sessions are being scheduled in the coming months—so stay tuned! If you haven't already requested a Pediatric Bag, it's not too late. These bags are designed as "jump bags" for providers located 10+ miles from their agency. They help you stabilize patients while waiting for ground or aeromedical transport.

Eligibility Requirements:

To qualify for a Pediatric Bag, you must:

- Hold a valid license with the SD BMOE (EMR or higher).
- Be affiliated with an organization that has a Medical Director.
- Live 10+ miles from your organization's hub.
- Respond to calls directly from your home to stabilize patients while awaiting assistance or transport.
- Be a South Dakota resident.

If you meet these criteria, visit our website today to request your bag!

# ANNUAL COLORING CONTEST!

This year's Boot Camp revealed that many of you are eager to connect with your communities but may not know where to start. Here's an excellent opportunity to make a difference! During National Poison Prevention Week, Sanford Poison Education and Resources hosts a coloring contest for 1st graders in South Dakota. The deadline for this year's submissions is March 1st, and classrooms with 100% participation will be entered into a drawing for a pizza party! Additional prizes will be awarded to every classroom that takes part.

How can you get involved?

- Connect with your local 1st-grade teacher to encourage their class to participate.
- Let our office know in advance, and we'll provide you with resources, a book to read to the class while they color or offer support if you want to visit the classroom on prize day.

This is a fantastic opportunity for your team to engage with children in a positive and friendly setting. Together, we can make a lasting impact by connecting to kids in our communities!

## JAIME BARTELL

Staff Spotlight

If you have been involved with SD EMSC in the last few years we are sure you have had the pleasure of chatting with Jaime, our EMSC Specialist/Trainer! You might have had her reach out to offer your organization resources, seen her at a training in your district, or noticed a SD EMSC billboard or commercial that Jaime created to encourage folks around the state to drive sober, buckle up and wear their helmets while riding bikes. Jaime stays busy outside of the office, too! She's got two adult kids, her husband Mike is on Mitchell Fire, and they both volunteer with Tea Fire. Add in a sweet new puppy, teaching classes, canning delicious food, baking sourdough and training to be a fire instructor and we are amazed that she has time to sleep! We appreciate her hard work, creativity and dedication to our mission.





Source: FHWA.

## CHOICES, CHANCES, DECISIONS & STOP THE BLEED®

This program embraces the “Safe Road Users” and “Post-Crash Care” parts of the Safe Systems Approach. Our Pediatric Champions teach kids in rural/frontier driver’s ed classes about the impact of driving impaired, not wearing a seatbelt, and how to share the road with bicyclists. Additionally they get Stop the Bleed training and learn what to do at the scene of an accident. Have your local driver’s ed teacher sign up today!! Each participating student gets a bleeding control kit.

## AMBULANCE RESOURCES AVAILABLE!

**Pediatric Safe Transport Devices:** Take a look in your ambulance(s) and make sure that you are prepared! Even if you typically don’t get pediatric calls, it is better to have a device and not use it than to need one and not have it. If you have an older, inflatable device check to make sure that it still works. While supplies last we have some at our office. Go to the website to make a request.

**Ambulance Window Decals:** If the back windows of your ambulance are “naked” we’ve got just the thing! These decals will allow you to see out, while allowing you and your patients privacy in the back of the vehicle. Additionally they have a safety message of “We care, Buckle Up!” Apply online today!



**CARTER KITS**  
SENSORY BAGS

## CARTER KITS

As first responders, you’ve likely come across children that have seen or been part of a traumatic event, and might have a hard time regulating their emotions or feel overwhelmed. Do you have tools in your toolkit to help you help them? SD EMSC has a limited stock of Carter Kits available! Apply at [www.sdemsc.org](http://www.sdemsc.org). Carter Kits Sensory bags contain clinically proven items known to comfort and appropriately focus children who are on the autism spectrum, as well as many others who occasionally find themselves overwhelmed or otherwise impacted by traumatic events. As part of receiving a kit for your organization, you will receive training on how to use it.

# NEW WEBSITE!

Exciting News:

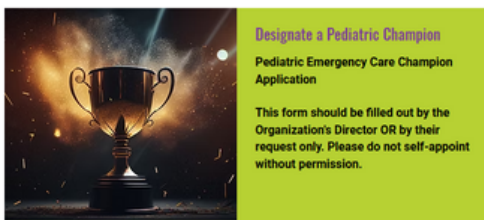
Our New Website is Live!

At SD EMSC, our mission is to support organizations across South Dakota that care for kids during emergencies. To serve you better, we've been working behind the scenes to create a streamlined and user-friendly way for you to access our resources—and we're thrilled to unveil our brand-new website!

On our site, you'll find:

- Resources to support your organization.
- Educational opportunities to enhance your skills.
- Safety and Injury Prevention programs designed to help kids in your community thrive.

We invite you to explore the new site at [www.sdemsc.org](http://www.sdemsc.org). Take a look around, and if you see something that could benefit your organization, don't hesitate—reach out to your director and request it today!



While they are there, we are asking every service to update their Pediatric Champion (PC) information. Simply go to the First Responder's page, and select "Designate a Pediatric Champion". This form allows for you to enter the PC, Alternate PC, Director, and Medical Director. This information is important as it is what we use when we reach out to share information like new trainings or resources available, opportunities in your community for offering Safety and Injury Prevention education, and upcoming events! If your organization wants to be in the know, this is the first step!

# BIKE HELMET PRE-ORDER!



Our popular "Don't Thump Your Melon, Wear a Helmet" program is now accepting pre-orders! Collaborate with other agencies in your community to put on a Bike Rodeo or plan to offer Helmet Fittings! This will include:

- helmets for kids that do not have one
- Bike Rodeo Instructor Guide booklet
- Reusable Station Signs and Station instructions for volunteers
- Helmet fitting posters
- Promotional posters
- Bike Safety Handouts

Go to our website today to request helmets for your event. Helmets will be delivered to your business address sometime after February 7th. [www.sdemsc.org](http://www.sdemsc.org)

