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EMSC State Partnership Program

2026 KY PEDIATRIC DISASTER SYMPOSIUM

JUNE 8-10, 2026
Portland Christian School
8509 Westport Road
Louisville, KY

Attendance is welcome to all those involved in pediatric emergency planning, including EMS, Firefighters, Police, Nurses, Doctors, Nurse Practitioners, PAs, School Nurses, Emergency Managers, Mental Health professionals, Nursing/Med/EMS students.

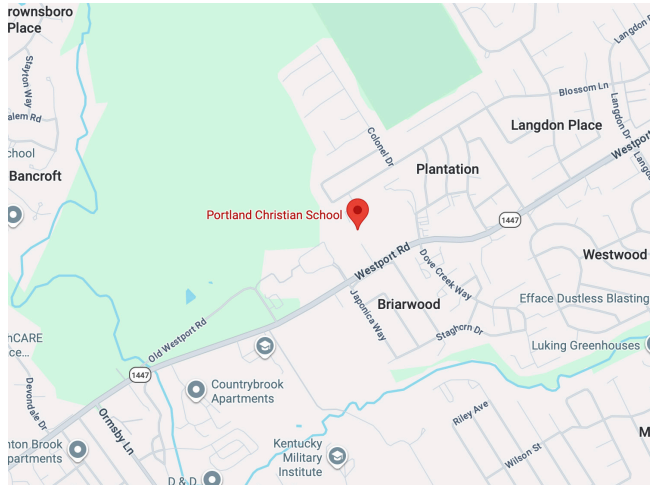


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About the Symposium

Location

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Symposium Highlights

Rescue Task Force Workshop (open to all)

Get ready for a high-impact, fast-paced Rescue Task Force Workshop that brings real-world experience to the forefront! Dive into the essential principles of Rescue Task Force operations as we break down the dynamic roles of law enforcement, fire, EMS, EMA, and hospital teams during critical incidents. Hear powerful lessons learned from actual events and join an engaging, collaborative discussion on best practices, smarter coordination, and how to elevate inter-agency teamwork. This is the kind of training that transforms response capabilities and strengthens community resilience - don't miss it!

Tabletop Exercise Workshop Monday, June 8, 2026 (In-Person Only)

Gear up for an immersive Tabletop Exercise Workshop that puts you right in the action! Participants will dive into a hands-on session on how to plan and run effective tabletop exercises, then immediately put those skills to the test in a dynamic, discussion-driven scenario centered on a pediatric bus accident. This TTX pushes multidisciplinary teams to tackle real-world challenges - reunification, patient tracking, and identification - while giving everyone the chance to stress-test their own plans and forge stronger cross-disciplinary connections.

Seating is limited, and this workshop fills fast—be sure to sign up early to secure your spot!

KY Disaster Olympics: Where Preparedness Meets the Podium

A spirited, skills-driven competition designed to celebrate teamwork, sharpen response capabilities, and bring a whole new level of fun to disaster preparedness.

Get ready to bring your A-game to the Inaugural KY Disaster Olympics—where skill, speed, and teamwork collide in the ultimate emergency-response showdown! Teams of 2 to 4 can enter the games, and we highly encourage creative, over-the-top team names that show off your spirit. Competitors will battle it out in a series of high-intensity events, including The Triage Trials, Transport Tactics, Reunification Relay, PPE Pit Stop, and the unforgettable Wee-breather Decathlon.

The excitement peaks on Day 2 with a full medal ceremony, celebrating the champions who rise to the top. Rally your team, sharpen your skills, and get ready to compete in the most unforgettable disaster-preparedness challenge Kentucky has ever seen!

Networking & Trivia Night Pizzaville 2901 Goose Creek Rd Ste 103 Louisville, KY Time: 6-7:00 pm EST

Get ready to mix, mingle, and put your knowledge to the test at our Networking & Trivia Night at Pizzaville! This lively evening is the perfect chance to connect with fellow symposium attendees in a relaxed, upbeat setting while enjoying some friendly competition. Form a team or join one on the spot as trivia questions span everything from pop culture to fun facts.

Whether you're there to showcase your trivia skills or simply unwind after a full day, Pizzaville provides the perfect atmosphere to spark new connections and memorable moments. Delicious food and refreshing beverages will be available for purchase, so you can fuel up while you play.

More Events

The Triage Trials:

Sort Fast. Score Faster.

Step into the arena for the ultimate test of speed, accuracy, and cool-headed decision-making. Teams race through a simulated mass-casualty scene, tagging patients under pressure while navigating curveballs worthy of an Olympic final. Only the sharpest triage minds make the podium.

Transport Tactics:

Move Smart. Move Swift. Move to Win.

This event challenges teams to coordinate patient movement like true champions. Strategize transport priorities, allocate limited resources, and get your patients to the right care zones without dropping the baton. Efficiency, communication, and teamwork are the keys to gold.

Reunification Relay:

Every Hand-Off Counts.

A high-energy relay where teams navigate the twists and turns of family reunification. From documentation hurdles to emotional curveballs, this event tests your ability to keep calm, stay organized, and bring families back together—one smooth hand-off at a time.

PPE Pitstop:

Suit Up. Gear Up. Don't Get Hung Up.

Inspired by the speed of motorsport pit crews, this event pushes teams to don, doff, and deploy PPE with precision and speed. Expect surprise challenges, technique tests, and a few laughs as competitors race to perfect their protective gear game.

Wee-Breather Decathlon:

Tiny Airways. Big Energy.

A pediatric airway showdown like no other. Teams rotate through ten mini-events - from positioning to equipment selection to rapid-response maneuvers - all designed to test finesse, accuracy, and teamwork. It's adorable, it's intense, and it's guaranteed to be a crowd favorite.

Agenda-Day 1

Time	Chapel	Music Room	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Cafeteria
8:30-8:35am	Welcome						
8:40-9:40am	If the Carrollton Bus Crash Happened Today						
9:40-9:50am	Break						
9:50-10:55am	Rescue Task Force Workshop	Strengthening Pediatric Reunification Planning through School District Nurses and Hospital Partnerships		NRP Skill Out	Reunification Relay	Airway Rodeo	
11:00-11:55am		How to Build/Run a TTX					
11:55am-1:15pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:15-2:15pm	Social Media Preferences for Caregivers During a Mass Casualty Incident	Tabletop Exercise Workshop	PPE PitStop Event	NRP Skill Out			
2:25-3:15pm	Strengthening Crisis Communication for Pediatric Disasters: Lessons from a Multi-Hospital Public Information Functional Exercise						
3:15-4:15pm	From Separation to Reunification: What We Learned from an Interstate Pediatric Exercise						
6:00pm	Trivia/Networking at Pizzaville						



Agenda-Day 2

Time	Chapel	Music Room	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Cafeteria
8:00-8:30am	Open						
8:30-9:25am	From Chaos to Coordination: The MOCC in Action		Olympic Event: MCI Triage Drill	NPR Skills Check Off	Olympic Event: Transport Tactics		
9:30-10:25am	From Crisis to Resilience: Strengthening Youth Behavioral Health After Disaster						
10:30-11:25am	STARS Across Kentucky: A Bright Future for the Treatment of Medically Complex Children	Water Watcher: A Community Outreach Initiative					
11:30am-1:00pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00-1:55pm	Force Multiplying Hospital Emergency Management Staff by Creating a Regional EMStrike Team	Pediatric Assessment Triangle in MCI or Tactical Care					
2:00-2:55pm	Heroism is the Same but Loss & Coping are Different Over Time: PTSD, Moral Injury (Doing Everything Right by Getting It Wrong), and Responder Service Resiliency	Education Initiative— Lunch & Learn and The Sidequest Squad: Making Education Engaging					
3:00-3:55pm	Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project Update						
4:00-4:15pm	Olympic Medal Ceremony and Door Prize Drawing						



Agenda-Day 3

Time	Chapel	Music Room	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Cafeteria
7:30-8:00am							Registration Breakfast
8:00-8:55am	The Altered Pediatric Patient		NRP Skills Check-Off	Skills Stations			
9:00-9:55am	Tiny Patients, Big Decisions: A Framework for Prehospital Pediatric Blood Administration						
10:00-10:55am	Trach Emergencies						
11:00-11:55am	From Chaos to Comfort: Pediatric Family Assistance in Healthcare Emergencies						
12:00-1:15pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:15-2:10pm	Clean Your Kids: Because You Can't Send Them Through the Car Wash						
2:15-3:10pm	Behavioral Health in Response Work: Models and Best Practices for Longevity and Wellness						
3:15-4:10pm	KYEMSC Updates and Wrap Up						

