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The National Center for Medical Home Implementation states: “A family-centered medical home is not a building, house, hospital, or home healthcare service, but rather an approach to providing comprehensive primary care.” With this in mind, we cannot overstate the importance of developing a good relationship with our first responders, particularly Emergency Medical Services. Read on to learn more about Texas Parent to Parent’s collaborative relationship with EMSC...



### **TxP2P Partnership with EMSC**

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TxP2P was very flattered to be asked to be part of a collaborative partnership with EMSC (Emergency Medical Services for Children) State Partnership to help find common goals and establish state-wide priorities for emergency care for Texas children. Along with TxP2P, other organizations who are also members of this partnership include: Texas Department of Public Safety (Teenage Drinking & Driving programs), National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE), Children’s Hospital Association of Texas, Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professional (CoAEMSP), and the Texas Ambulance Association. Stories about your experiences, positive **and** negative, provide valuable information that will help us accomplish these goals. If you haven’t sent us your “EMS story,” please send it now to [jeanine@txp2p.org](mailto:jeanine@txp2p.org) or [debbie@txp2p.org](mailto:debbie@txp2p.org).



### **EMSC State Partnership Rolls Out Pediatric Continuing Education Program With Extra Special Class**

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The EMSC State Partnership Texas is proud to announce the inaugural course offering of the Emergency Medical Services for Children Continuing Education Program. Working in partnership with [Driscoll Children’s Hospital](#), [Texas Parent to Parent \(TxP2P\)](#), and [Del Mar College-Emergency Medical Services](#), EMSC presented Assessment and Management of Children with Special Health Care Needs. This course is a one-of-a-kind interactive educational program designed to provide EMS professionals with cognitive knowledge and practical, hands-on training to prepare them to handle a wide variety of emergency situations involving children with special needs.

While the course offers an opportunity to develop the technical knowledge and skills necessary for confident and competent care of children with special health care needs in the out-of-hospital emergency setting, its most important and unique feature is the focus on patient- and family-centered care facilitated by the integration of special needs families into every aspect of the course....

Bringing together healthcare professionals from EMS and emergency/critical care nursing disciplines with special needs parents and their children provides a unique perspective on the challenges and common misperceptions of emergency assessment and management of children with special health care needs. The EMSC State Partnership is excited about this course and we are making plans now to offer the class in a different area of the state about once every quarter...

