

## Fast Facts about EMSC Family Advisory Network Representatives (FAN)

### Who can be a FAN?

Any parent, legal guardian, caregiver, current or former EMS provider, allied health professional, or other person with an interest in improving pediatric emergency care can serve as a FAN. There is no requirement for formal training or a specific knowledge base. FANs must be willing to learn and become familiar with Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program and the local, state, and national EMS and hospital emergency department systems. FANs must be willing to represent diverse perspectives of children and families equitably.

### Role and Contributions of a FAN

- Serve as a family advisory member on the federally funded EMSC State Partnership grant advisory board. Examples include:
  - Attendance at annual EMSC grantee meeting (travel expenses to be covered by grant).
  - Attend 4 mandatory State Partnership advisory committee meetings (virtual and/or in-person) per year and have regular communication with State Partnership manager.
  - Represent state EMSC program at EMSC related functions
  - If needed, assist State Partnership manager with concept and planning of grant proposal writing, including timelines and goal mapping.
- Promote the family centered care perspective for pediatric emergency care in all EMSC program activities, priorities and special projects at the state and national level.
  - Represent perspectives of children and families regarding EMS practices, protocols, policies in workgroups, advisory boards, and councils at the local, state, and national level.
  - Listen actively for issues and needs regarding pediatric emergency care within your state.
  - Have the ability to attend virtual meetings and other FAN educational opportunities.
  - Communicate relevant updates to the State Partnership grant manager regarding issues of state and national significance related to pediatric emergency care.
  - Ensure that all education, training, advocacy, public policy, messaging, etc. that is created or supported by the EMSC grant has the patient and family perspective.
- Connect with the State EMSC program, the community, policy and decision-makers, EMS, and hospital emergency departments.
  - Engage with national stakeholders to identify and understand current issues and policy decisions that affect or intersect with EMSC priorities.

- Advocate, educate, and assist in pediatric emergency care initiatives implementation.
- Minimum one year in role with anticipated time commitment of approximately 10 - 20 hours per month. Actual time commitment varies with program needs.
- Agree to work on EMSC program priorities without intent of personal or professional gain
- Observe all grant related confidentiality requirements.

### **What are the benefits of being a FAN?**

- Develop strategic program planning skills such as grant proposal writing and goal mapping
- Opportunity to meet, collaborate, and learn from other FAN representatives in other states, territories, and rural and tribal communities.
- Develop familiarity and relationships with advocates and pediatric emergency leaders in your state and nationally
- Gain and develop pediatric emergency advocacy skills
- Public speaking opportunities