A New Standard of Excellence: The WRAP-EM alliance represents the most extensive collection of pediatric preparedness and response experts ever conceived. This progressive foundation has been established with an unprecedented public and private partnership – integrating community facilities traditionally not admitting children in the western United States. WRAP-EM consists of five states (Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington), serving 13 million children.

Goal: To develop regional pediatric disaster planning and response capabilities – through collaboration between all levels of government and hospitals – that effectively match resources to needs for a catastrophic incident.

Focal Points:

1. To clarify communication pathways between public and private organizations for optimal outcomes in a disaster.
2. To support the significant pediatric-specific needs encountered by both the initial care in place and the subsequent movement of children following any event across the entire west coast.
3. To minimize the impact of physical and mental trauma, infectious disease exposure, burn damage and other consequences of natural and unnatural agents.
4. To transcend state lines and supplement medical staff and expertise through pediatric strike teams, just-in-time training, and advancements in remote clinical technology.
5. To strengthen and expand existing capacities of EMS and hospitals to transport and receive infants and children including during mass casualty incidents.
6. To identify strategies for sharing pediatric equipment, supplies and pharmaceuticals where they are most needed.
7. To integrate hospitals with schools, EMS, fire departments and law enforcement agencies for rapid family reunification during a multi-state response.

Institutions: Seattle Children’s Hospital, Harborview Medical Center, Oregon Health & Science University, UC Davis, UCSF, Stanford, Valley Children’s Hospital, Loma Linda University, Children’s Hospital LA, USC, Harbor-UCLA, Cedars Sinai, Rady Children’s Hospital (UCSD), University Medical Center (UNLV), Phoenix Children’s Hospital

Key Partners: State Departments of Health, State EMS and EM, Healthcare Coalitions, Western Pediatric Preparedness Partnership (WPPP), Poison Control Centers, Western Region Burn Disaster Consortium, National Ebola Training & Education Center (NETEC), AMR Ambulance, Reach / Calstar Air Medical Ambulance, Kaiser Permanente, Providence Healthcare

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