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Pediatric patients account for roughly 5 to 10 percent of all EMS incidents annually in the United States. Treating injured or sick children can make even experienced EMS providers anxious, especially if they have not seen many pediatric patients throughout their career or have not had recent hands-on training focusing on pediatric emergency care. IDHS continues to focus on this vulnerable population to improve pediatric emergency care provided by Indiana EMS professionals.

The [Pediatric Incident Report](#) is the first-ever published analysis of pediatric specific data using the State of Indiana EMS Registry. This annual report is intended to be used along with the previously published [Indiana EMS CQI](#) report to better guide education and training for Indiana EMS provider agencies.

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) report “Emergency Care for Children: Growing Pains” recommends EMS agencies and emergency departments (EDs) appoint a pediatric emergency care coordinator to provide pediatric leadership for their organizations. IDHS adopted this recommendation in 2019, and it is now required for licensure for all EMS provider agencies. The IOM report further states pediatric coordinators are necessary to advocate for improved competencies and the availability of resources for pediatric patients. A coordinator fulfilling this role ensures the agency and its providers are better prepared to care for ill and injured children. The Pediatric Incident Report will serve as a foundational basis to guide individual agency pediatric emergency care coordinators in their ongoing education and training efforts.

Special thanks to the Indiana Emergency Medical Services for Children organization for their review and input into this [unique report](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Michael Kaufmann'.

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