

UTAH EMS FOR CHILDREN NEEDS ASSESSMENT

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS (CSHCN)

The 2006 EMSC Needs Assessment was issued to 668 EMS Providers to determine how EMSC could meet the needs of EMS Providers. The response rate for the assessment was 43%.



Resources Needed to Provide Better Care for CSHCN:

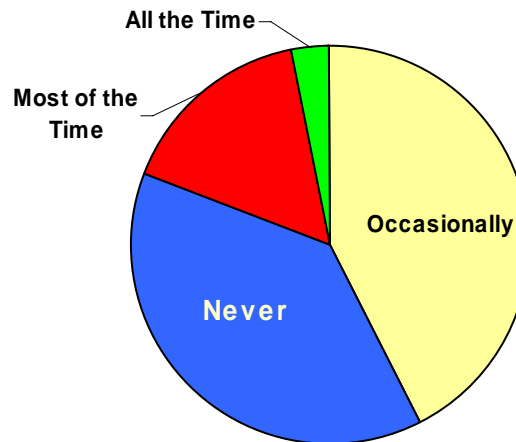
- Awareness of these children in their community
- Awareness of the specific healthcare needs of these children
- Education and training on the needs of these children
- System changes to improve care of CSHCN



EMS Education Needs for CSHCN:

“It would be nice to know if we have these special kids and to know of their situation– just in case– and so we can act quickly. We might hold a training on how to work with them before something happens.”

EMS Visits to CSHCN:



76% of respondents stated they **rarely** visit CSHCN in their area.

Only 33% of respondents reported their agency shares EMSC's Technology Assisted Child Letters with the EMS providers in the agency.

UTAH EMSC'S PLAN TO ADDRESS CSHCN FINDINGS

- ✓ Develop and teach education module for CSHCN for EMS Providers.
- ✓ Emergency Health Information System for CSHCN (*information on EMSC Website*).
- ✓ Send Technology Assisted Child Letters to the Agency Training Officers to ensure they are being received and shared with dispatch.
- ✓ Provide family centered care education to EMS Providers.