

# UTAH EMS FOR CHILDREN NEEDS ASSESSMENT

## PEDIATRIC EQUIPMENT NEEDS

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%.



### Top Equipment Needs

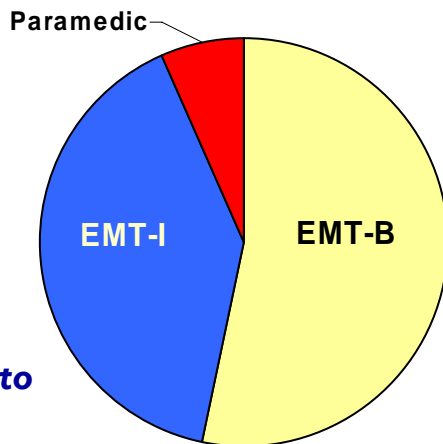
- Broselow Equipment
- Oxygen Saturation Monitors
- Backboards
- Appropriate Medication Dosages
- Jump Kits



**84%** of respondents felt that the necessary pediatric reference material and pediatric equipment is available to them.

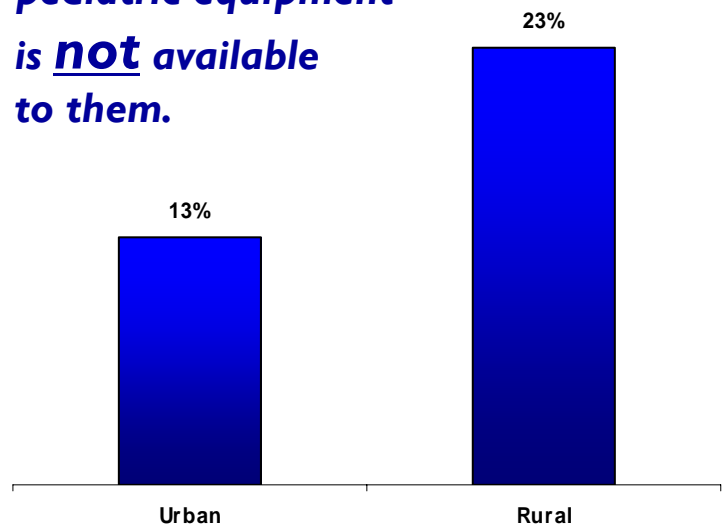
### Availability of Pediatric Reference Material:

*EMT-Bs and EMT-Is were more likely to feel the necessary pediatric reference material was **not** available to them.*



### Availability of Pediatric Equipment:

*Rural providers were more likely than urban providers to feel that pediatric equipment is **not** available to them.*



## UTAH EMSC'S PLAN TO ADDRESS EQUIPMENT FINDINGS

- ✓ Continue Broselow Program to distribute education and Broselow equipment to rural EMS Providers.
- ✓ Purchase pediatric backboards for every ambulance in the state and develop pediatric immobilization training for Training Officers to use in their agency.
- ✓ Link EMS agencies with funding sources to help them obtain pediatric equipment.