A lack of pediatric surge capacity is particularly acute in the Southeastern United States because of the relatively low number of pediatric facilities and limited health resources. Program faculty will address the obstacles faced in regional pediatric surge and discuss the efforts of more than 40 organizations to organize and maintain the Southeastern Regional Pediatric Disaster Surge Network – a voluntary group of health care providers, public health departments, volunteers, and emergency responders from five southern states.

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss the nature of pediatric surge capacity in the Southeastern United States.
2. Report the efforts of more than 40 organizations to address limited pediatric surge capacity.
3. Outline the nature and organization of the Southeastern Regional Pediatric Disaster Surge Network.
4. Illustrate some of the organizational, operational, and maintenance issues associated with the development of a cooperative multi-state, multi-organizational emergency network.

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**Target Audience**: Nurses, physicians, pediatricians, emergency responders, emergency management officials, public health care workers, and hospital administrators.

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