

Headline (70 characters or less): UPMC’s EMS Team Hosts Junior Leadership EMT Academy

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UPMC’s Community LifeTeam partnered with a local nonprofit to host a three-week Junior Leadership EMT Academy program for at-risk students in the Harrisburg area.

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What started as an idea to combine UPMC’s EMS educational services with Harrisburg City Councilman Ralph Rodriguez’s non-profit [All You Can, Inc.](#), evolved into the UPMC in Central Pa. Junior Leadership EMT Academy. The three-week project took place in April at the UPMC Education Center in Lemoyne where Community LifeTeam taught 20 local students about first aid response and basic trauma skills. At the end of the program, the participating students were certified as Junior EMTs.

Over the three-week period, at-risk students in the Harrisburg area participated in six sessions where they learned hands-on, skill-based training from UPMC professionals. They were educated in lifesaving techniques such as CPR, AED use, bleed-out prevention, awareness surrounding bloodborne pathogens, splinting, and burn care. Beyond technical skills, the program aimed to instill confidence in the students’ capability to respond to emergency situations, as well as expose them to potential career pathways within EMS or other areas of health care.

Nicholas Roy Kimmel NRP, EMS specialist, and assistant chief, Community LifeTeam, helped to develop and bring the Junior Leadership EMT Academy to life.

“This program is a great example of what can happen when different parts of the community come together with a shared goal. We wanted to combine outreach and education to create an experience that was impactful for the students,” said Nicholas.

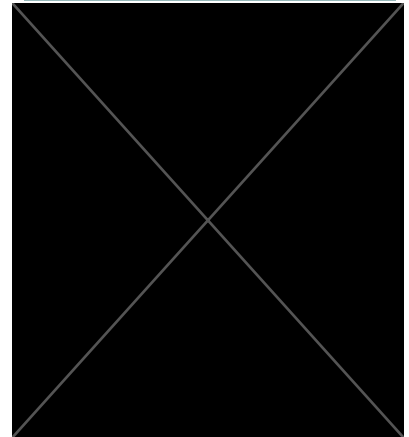
Ralph Rodriguez, Harrisburg City Councilman and founder of All You Can, Inc., expressed the importance of the collaboration by saying, “This partnership means the world because we’re preparing these youngsters with life skills that go beyond post-graduation. To me that is the most important thing.”

Matthew Warner, captain and education coordinator and paramedic, **Jerry Misner**, captain and education coordinator and paramedic, **Alexia Shiffer**, EMT, **Andrew Garder**, senior professional paramedic, and Nicholas Kimmel — all part of Community LifeTeam — were instrumental in bringing the program to life and conducting the learning sessions with the students.

The Junior Leadership EMT Academy is typically offered twice a year, working to consistently provide local students with opportunities to build hands-on EMS skills and engage with the UPMC Education Center.

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The impact of UPMC's collaboration with All You Can, Inc. is captured in [a video shared by Ralph's team](#).

