pediatric hospice

& palliative care

your comfort care team





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pediatric palliative care

Palliative care is available for a child 20 years old or younger with a serious illness requiring skilled nursing care.

Skilled nursing care in the home includes:

- Management of symptoms
- Drains or feeding tubes
- Lab draws if needed
- Management of port or PICC lines
- Trach care
- Education
- Medication management





pediatric hospice care

The goal of hospice care is to improve the quality of your child's life. Studies have shown that having hospice care prolongs life expectancy as symptoms are better managed. CHC is one of the only hospices in Northwest Indiana that accepts pediatric patients.

Management of care will be provided by hospice while actively coordinating a plan with your child's care providers. Skilled nursing is available under hospice care. Depending on the health care plan, a child may be eligible for concurrent care, which allows a child 20 years of age or younger to have hospice and curative treatment.

"Everything was just easy. We learned about all the options and support that would make our life so much easier. This was a no-brainer." – Pediatric Patient Parent

your child's care

Center for Hospice Care respects your role as parent and caregiver for your child. We encourage you to share your thoughts and feelings with us, because good communication will mean the best care for everyone.

Where is care provided?

- Homes
- Hospitals
- Extended care facilities
- Our inpatient units

What payment options are accepted?

- Commercial insurance
- Medicaid
- Self payment

"It was nice to get another set of healthcare eyes on him. We had another person in the field that could help us advocate for him. That alone was a big deal. My husband and I realized, we should have done this earlier."

- Pediatric Patient Mom

your care team

We want to be your care team and provide comfort to your child, you (the primary caregiver), and your family. We will listen and address your physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

We want your child to function at their best. Our team will work together with your child's care providers and other support systems to ensure we meet that goal.

Members of the team will depend on the program and can include:

- Nurses
- Social Workers
- Chaplain
- Nurse Practitioners
- Volunteers
- Home Health Aides
- Physicians
- Counselors

"It cut down on time and cost. It was such a stress relief for me and my husband..." – Pediatric Patient Mom

Center for Palliative Care

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