

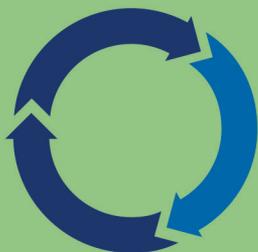
# Support for Children with Serious Illnesses and their Families

## PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE IS....

### FOR PATIENTS

The main goal of palliative care is improving quality of life for children and their families.

Care can begin at  
**ANY STAGE**  
of illness



Can provide  
**SYMPTOM  
RELIEF**  
and emotional  
support



Provided  
**ALONGSIDE**  
*not instead of*  
other treatments



### FOR FAMILIES

Serious illnesses affect the entire family and palliative care can help support everyone.

It's a  
**PARTNERSHIP**  
between a family and  
palliative care team



Respects family  
**CULTURE** and  
**BELIEFS**



Care is  
**CUSTOMIZED**  
to meet family needs  
and preferences



### FOR PROFESSIONALS

Palliative care adds a layer of support to the team of providers and informal caregivers.

Teams may  
**INCLUDE**  
nurses, doctors,  
child life specialists,  
chaplains, counselors,  
nutritionists, and  
therapists



Emphasis on  
**COMMUNICATION**  
and coordination

Care can be provided  
in **HOSPITALS,**  
**CLINICS,** AND  
**HOMES**



## How can palliative care help you?

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