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# Pediatric Outreach

*A Unique Program of Supportive Care*

## What is Pediatric Outreach?

The Pediatric Outreach program provides support, education and facilitation of community resources for the families of children who have been diagnosed with a potentially life-limiting illness.

## How does the Pediatric Outreach program work?

A Pediatric Outreach Care Coordinator will meet with the child and the family in their home, at the physicians office, clinic, or hospital. The Care Coordinator will establish a schedule of follow-up visits or phone contacts on an individual basis.

The services of the Pediatric Outreach program are offered intermittently throughout the child's illness.

The family may benefit from more intensive contact:

- When a new diagnosis is made
- When a medical crisis occurs
- When the child's treatment changes
- When the child's life expectancy is limited

## Who qualifies for Pediatric Outreach?

Children and the families of children who have been diagnosed with a potentially life-limiting illness qualify.

The Pediatric Outreach program is available to any child/family in Maricopa County. With some exceptions, the Pediatric Outreach program serves children under age 18.

## What does Pediatric Outreach cost?

The Pediatric Outreach program is supported through community and private donations. There is no fee to participate.

## How does a family become a part of Pediatric Outreach?

A family may be referred to the Pediatric Outreach program by the child's physician, hospital staff, or community agency.

A family may refer themselves to Pediatric Outreach services.

No special permission or authorization is required to become a part of the Pediatric Outreach program.



## What are the services provided by the Pediatric Outreach program?

- Psychological support for children and their families
- Pastoral and spiritual support to address life questions brought to the forefront by the illness
- Assistance with referrals to appropriate community resources

## The Pediatric Outreach program provides educational materials addressing:

- Better understanding of the child's illness
- Conversations about informed decision-making
- Parents' sense of loneliness, exhaustion and loss of control
- Child's sense of fear and anxiety
- Sibling's response and need for support

*If you are interested in our Pediatric Outreach program,  
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