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Why is a Pediatric Palliative Care Program Important?

1. Builds family memories and preparation of child's death while celebrating the child's life.
2. Reduces length of stay
3. Implements care with end of life interventions
4. Improves quality of life
5. Provides hope in life and death.

Steps to Establishing a Pediatric Palliative Care Program

1. Tap Into Successful Resources
2. Establish a Family Advisory Board
3. Build a Business Plan
4. Integrate Existing Systems
5. Provide Focused Nursing Education
6. Build Collaboration
7. Measure Your Success

Needs Identified by Staff Nurses:

1. Helpful ways to assist the family in coping with the situation in a way that they will understand.
2. Pain Issues and pain management.
3. How to initiate difficult conversations.
4. What to say and not to say.
5. How to support family and staff.
6. Age appropriate interventions.
7. Psychological and social support available.
8. Research that has been done on family needs.
9. What it takes to set up palliative care at home.
10. Case studies

Where do we go from here ?

1. Consult team made up of:
Clinical Nurse Specialist
Social worker
Chaplain
2. Educational sessions have been provided and will continue to be offered
3. Referrals have increased 100 % in 2013
4. Marketing and outreach will continue to be a priority.

Table 4 Staff Survey Questions

Definition Question	% Response				
What is the definition of <i>palliative care</i> ?	Percent of staff responding that correctly identified the definition of palliative care (#3)				
1. Bereavement care to a child who is dying.	7.3				58.5%
2. Care provided to a child who is expected to die within the next year.	7.3				
3. Care for a child who has a life-limiting illness in which they are not expected to live to adulthood.	58.5				
4. End-of-life care provided to a child who is not showing signs of being cured.	26.8				
Likert Scale Questions	Not Comfortable	Somewhat Uncomfortable	Somewhat Comfortable	Comfortable	Very Comfortable
What is your comfort level in taking caring of a child who is not expected to be cured of his or her illness?	7.3%	19.5%	36.6%	34.1%	2.4%
What is your comfort level in managing pain in a child who is not expected to live?	15.0%	17.5%	27.5%	37.5%	2.5%