

When your child is facing a serious illness, your world is turned upside down. You may feel time and energy slipping away as you provide for your sick child's needs as well as the needs of your family. Holding it all together can be exhausting. **Essential Care for Children** is here to give you the comprehensive support you need. Whether you're facing questions about symptom management, financial burden, or simply how to find hope during such a difficult time, we will be there for you.

Our Program

Essential Care for Children is a home-based, palliative (symptom control) care program that provides coordination of medical services, as well as psycho-social and spiritual support to seriously ill children and their families. Together with your child's primary physician or specialist, our team of pediatric professionals provides comprehensive support at home, helping to minimize hospital stays and emergency room visits. The team is comprised of pediatric specialists, trained to work with infants, children and adolescents. Services available in Erie and Niagara Counties.

Essential Care for Children is a program of Palliative Care Buffalo and is supported by local foundations, fundraising efforts, memorials and private donations.

Please consider making a gift to keep this unique care in Western New York. Send contributions to: Hospice Foundation, PO Box 590, Buffalo, NY 14240-0590



Vision of Essential Care Program

It is our mission to provide the most comprehensive home-based palliative care to children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses, while supporting their families during the continuum of care.



(716) 686-8006

It's never too early to call on a compassionate hand. We're here to comfort, to guide and to support you.



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Services Offered

- Evaluation in the hospital or at home
- **Pain and symptom management** consultation
- Care coordination across medical settings from hospital to home
- **24/7 on-call availability of pediatric registered nurses**
- Links to a primary physician, clinics, specialty services, community services and financial assistance programs
- **Emotional support** for the patient, siblings, and all family members

Your Team

Essential Care for Children provides regular home visits from the following professionals:

- **Palliative Care Doctor**
- **Pediatric Registered Nurse/Case Manager**
- **Social Worker**
- **Expressive Therapies: Music, Massage and Art Therapists***

**Evaluations performed upon clinical indication of need*

- **Spiritual Care Counselors**
- **Volunteers**



Family Support

Essential Care for Children offers each family a social worker who provides a multitude of support services. You may need assistance in accessing financial support, processing medical bills, finding Home Health Agencies and specialty services like physical, occupational, speech, nutrition and respiratory therapies. You may also need help in finding quiet time to take care of yourself.

Refer a Patient

Referrals to Essential Care may be made by any family member or healthcare professional. We will contact the primary physician or specialist upon referral.

Insurance coverage eligibility will be determined upon referral.

Call today for a no-cost, no obligation, in-home consultation (716) 686-8006.



What is the Essential Care Perinatal Program?

The mission of our Essential Care Perinatal Program is to provide support, education and guidance to expectant parents and families whose unborn child has a life-threatening illness. This unique program helps expecting parents and families prepare for and cope with physical, emotional and spiritual challenges at the time of diagnosis and through the remainder of the pregnancy. The Essential Care Perinatal Program is the only program of its kind in Erie County.

Perinatal Services

- Admission evaluation in hospital, doctor's office or at home
- Development of a birthing plan that honors parents' wishes
- Coordinating with physician and labor/delivery staff
- 24/7 on-call Registered Nurse availability
- Guidance and emotional support for siblings and other family members
- Links to resources that help families cope during and after pregnancy
- Honors cultural, religious and spiritual beliefs
- Helps create a comfortable, and serene environment, preserving the dignity of the child and family
- Helps plan final arrangements, memorial services and special goodbyes, according to the parents wishes
- Bereavement counseling for parents and siblings
- Assist with creating precious keepsakes prior to and after the baby's birth
- Resource for specialty clinics, community services and financial assistance programs



The Essential Care for Children team works in partnership with the patient's physicians to coordinate care and to help navigate the complexities of today's healthcare system.