

Hospice Care for Children with Life-Limiting Conditions

♥ *What is hospice?*

Hospice is a philosophy of care created to help individuals live with dignity, comfort, and compassion at the end of life. Hospice and palliative care programs provide pain management, symptom control, psychosocial support, and spiritual care to patients and their families. They also serve as important sources of information about care options.

—National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

♥ *Who can receive pediatric hospice services?*

Pediatric hospice serves children and their families who face a life-limiting condition, or limited life expectancy. Families of unborn and newborn babies with life-limiting conditions may also benefit from receiving hospice care.

♥ *Why is hospice care important?*

Hospice care is important because it helps children with life-limiting conditions live as fully and as long as possible, in a family-centered environment where they feel comfort and support from those they love most.

Hospice care offers children specialized services that focus on relieving pain and discomfort, while also managing the symptoms of their condition.

Hospice care ensures that children and their families receive emotional and spiritual support. Through hospice family members are also offered comprehensive bereavement services after the death of their loved one.

♥ *Where are hospice services offered?*

Hospice services are generally offered in the comfort and familiarity of a child's home. Hospice care can also be provided in hospitals and within inpatient hospice facilities, where available.

♥ *How are hospice services paid for?*

Hospice services are covered by health insurance, Michigan's Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Program, Medicaid, individual payments, donations and grants. Hospice programs strive to ensure that no child or family be denied care because of financial status.

♥ *How can a child and family receive hospice services?*

Referrals to hospice programs can be initiated by individuals, their families and friends, physicians, nurses, clergy members or social workers.



Michigan Hospice Programs for Children

The programs below provide comprehensive hospice care to children with life-limiting conditions beginning as early as the time of diagnosis.

Some may also offer hospice care and support to families during pregnancy when a life-limiting condition has been diagnosed prenatally in the unborn child.

For more information about any of these programs or to initiate a referral please contact them directly. Pediatric/prenatal hospice coordinators are available to assist you or the families you represent.



- ♥ *Angela Hospice—Livonia*
My Nest is Best Pediatric Program
www.angelahospice.org/peds.html
1-866-464-7810

- ♥ *Arbor Hospice—Ann Arbor*
Pediatric Hospice Care
www.arborhospice.org/services/pathfinders.html
1-888-992-2273

- ♥ *Genesys Home & Hospice Care—Grand Blanc*
PINWHEELS Pediatric Palliative Care
Pediatric Hospice
1-800-922-5220

- ♥ *Henry Ford Health System—Detroit*
Kaleidoscope Kids
www.henryfordhealth.org/1238.cfm
1-800-492-9909

- ♥ *Hospice of Michigan—Grand Rapids*
Pediatric Services
www.hom.org/peds.asp
1-888-466-5656
1-800-642-4021

