

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

REACHING OUT TO PROVIDE A **CIRCLE OF CARE**

Horizon Hospice and Palliative Care is committed to providing culturally sensitive care. Our diverse staff and volunteers receive ongoing training to ensure that the needs and beliefs of all of our patients are honored. Translation services are available upon request.

By visiting communities throughout Chicago, we inform people about how hospice and palliative care can work for them and how they can easily access services.

Horizon's Mission

Horizon Hospice and Palliative Care, Chicago's first hospice, is a not-for-profit, community-based organization whose mission is to provide comfort for the dying, to preserve dignity at the end of life for all who need services, and to educate the community.



Horizon Hospice and Palliative Care is licensed by the state of Illinois, accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), and certified by Medicare and Medicaid.

If you have any questions about Horizon's Community Outreach Program, please contact the Community Outreach Coordinator at 312.733.2233.

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What is Horizon's Hospice Program?

Horizon's Hospice Program focuses on maintaining comfort, dignity, and quality of life for children and adults facing the end of life. Hospice helps to manage pain and symptoms while also providing emotional and spiritual support to patients and families.

To qualify for hospice, patients should be seeking comfort and relief from pain and symptoms rather than pursuing curative treatments. The patient's attending physician and Horizon's medical director must also certify that the patient has a prognosis of six months or less.

What is Horizon's Palliative Care Program?

Horizon's Palliative Care Program is available to adults and children who need pain and symptom management for a serious illness. Palliative Care ensures the best quality of life for patients by relieving their physical, emotional, and spiritual symptoms.

Palliative care offers the same services as hospice, but patients under palliative care may continue curative treatments like chemotherapy or radiation and may also have a prognosis of greater than six months.

What is Horizon's Community Outreach Program?

The Community Outreach Program is an effort to build and sustain long-lasting relationships with community and faith-based organizations throughout Metropolitan Chicago.

The program acts as a resource by informing groups about the availability of hospice and palliative care. Through written materials, end-of-life training, and presentations from expert speakers, the Community Outreach Program empowers people to make informed healthcare decisions and can help them access hospice or palliative care if they or a loved one should ever need these services.

Presentations are available to audiences such as:

- Religious Congregations
- Community Groups
- Neighborhood Coalitions
- Social Service Agencies
- Senior Centers
- Nursing Homes
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Support Groups
- Legislators and Government Officials

What kinds of presentations are available?

In addition to general information presentations on hospice and palliative care, Horizon's Community Outreach Program also offers in-services on a variety of topics such as:

- How to Refer to Hospice or Palliative Care
- Who Pays for Services
- Communication at the End of Life
- Caregiver Stress
- Ethical Concerns at the End of Life
- Advance Care Planning
- Grief and Bereavement
- Complementary and Alternative Therapies

Materials and presentations are provided free of charge.

How do I schedule an in-service?

If you are interested in having a speaker visit your group, please contact the Community Outreach Coordinator at 312.733.2233.



Horizon's CIRCLE OF CARE includes an interdisciplinary team of doctors, advance practice nurses, nurses, social workers, chaplains, bereavement counselors, home health aides, volunteers, and complementary and alternative therapy practitioners such as massage and music therapists. Teams collaborate with patients, families, and the attending physician to ensure that patients receive the best possible care and that their wishes and goals are respected. Services may be covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or your health insurance. Please contact Horizon at 312.733.2233 for more information.

