
Background on Pediatric e-Journal (formerly the e-Newsletter)

For more than a quarter of a century, National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's (NHPCO) Pediatric e-Journal (formerly known as the ChiPPS e-Journal/Newsletter), and now part of the Alliance for Care at Home, has been a critical and leading source of information and education relevant to pediatric palliative and hospice care (PPHC). The world's longest consistent PPHC publication, the Pediatric e-Journal was founded in 1995 in response to a conversation among PPHC practitioners about the numerous challenges in their work resulting from relative isolation, limited research availability, and a lack of adequate resources to offer optimal care and service. The founding group was called the "Children's International Project on Palliative/Hospice Services" with representatives from several different countries and across the US.

ChiPPS has been a project supported by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO). In 2019, ChiPPS was re-branded as the Pediatric Palliative and Hospice Care Council or Pediatric Advisory Council (PAC) under NHPCO. Every quarter, a Work Group under this Council publishes an e-journal on topics of interest to the pediatric palliative and hospice care community, with interdisciplinary and family perspectives represented in each issue. The Pediatric e-Journal has approximately 4,000 subscribers across various pediatric palliative/hospice/home care disciplines, including family members, volunteers, and other interested individuals. Many subscribers are affiliated with hospitals, hospices, home health agencies, extended care facilities, and support organizations that care/advocate for these seriously ill children and their families.

The Alliance is committed to continuing the support and focus on pediatric care that NHPCO has long been a leader of. NHPCO viewed its work for access to pediatric palliative and hospice care as a community service and shared the e-Journal and many of the resources developed by the Pediatric Advisory Council through open access. The Alliance shares this commitment. The current and archived issues and other pediatric resources are available at <https://allianceforcareathome.org/pediatric-care/>
NOTE: the website is under revision.

The original goal and sustaining mission of the Pediatric e-Journal is "to disseminate current information about the care of children with life-limiting conditions and their families to optimize the provision of comprehensive services that families need." Each issue focuses on a central theme relevant to pediatric palliative, hospice, and now home care from various perspectives. Chuck Corr, PhD, Senior Editor and a founder of ChiPPS, explains: "In each issue, we strive to include multi-disciplinary submissions. Also, we make an effort to include articles that represent family voices of those served in the field of pediatric palliative and hospice care to ground us in why we do this work." The Pediatric e-Journal is peer-reviewed, but it is not indexed.

Specifications and Process for Submission

- The estimated submission length is 1200 to 1500 words, although as an e-journal, we have flexibility in length. The submission can be as short or as long as it takes to address the topic adequately.
- A specific format is not required; however, citations and references are expected to credit any sources used for your article properly
- All articles must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document. If you need assistance, please contact the editorial team noted below.
- Submission should represent some perspective on the issue's topic or theme.
- Each article must have a point of contact and valid e-mail address for its author(s). Pictures are

welcome, but number and size may be edited due to space and quality restrictions.

- It is the author's responsibility to secure permission to use any photos submitted

- Unsolicited articles appropriate for use are always welcomed and may be held for publication at the discretion of the Senior Editor.
- Pediatric patient/family pieces are also encouraged, as the Pediatric e-Journal Work Group is committed to having the patient/family voice represented in every issue.
- 8-10 submissions per issue are generally sought to make a comprehensive issue and to provide the interdisciplinary views the e-Journal has become known for.
- The Senior Editor will do the final formatting, and any suggested changes/edits will be reviewed with the primary author before publication.
- Suggestions for future issues, articles, and contributors you would like to see featured in the Pediatric e-Journal are also always welcome.

Note: Each issue is centered on a central theme, but the goal is to provide different perspectives from all working in/interested in pediatric palliative, hospice, and home care, including family members. The main themes for 2024 are noted below, the suggestions are just ideas!

Issue Topics: 2025 *(Note: Subject to Change at Work Group's Discretion)*

- Issue #80: Community Bridge of Support, Part 2 (broad sense, community-based partners such as funeral directors, children grief centers/camps, etc.,); articles due June 01, distribution August 2025.
- Issue #81: Adolescents and Young Adults (AYAs) (transitions, legal issues, guardianship; articles due September 15, distribution November 2025.
- Issue #82: Trauma-Informed Care Part 1 (how it impacts patients, families); articles due November 15, 2025; distribution February 2026
- Issue #83: Trauma-Informed Care Part 2 (how it impacts providers, care teams); articles due March 2026, distribution May 2026
- Issue #84: Spiritual Support; articles due May 2026, distribution August 2026
- Issue #85: *Tentative*; State of Pediatric home health, palliative care and hospice in the US; articles due September 2026, distribution November 2026

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