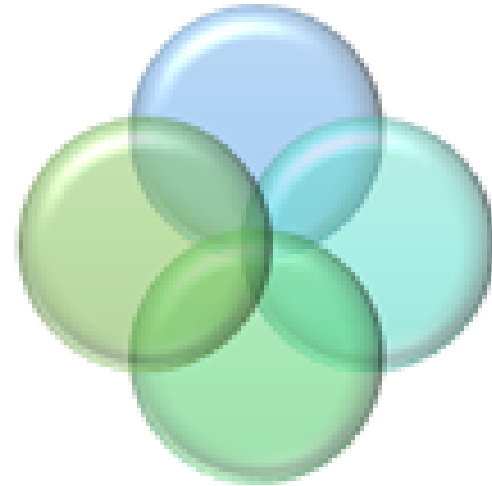


Creating a Pediatric Program for the State of Connecticut



Pilot discussion with Working Group Members

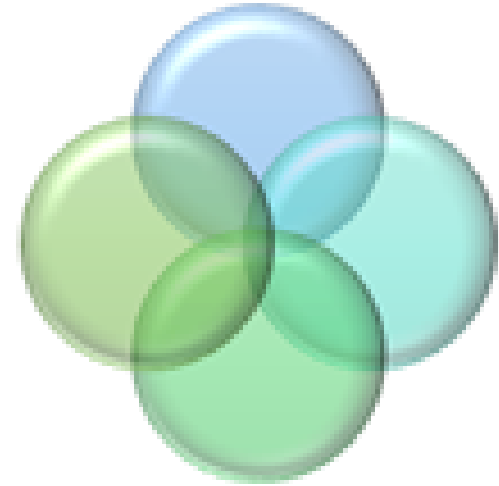
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A refresh

Recap & activities to date

Our mandate

An opportunity for change





Recap of current state...where we are

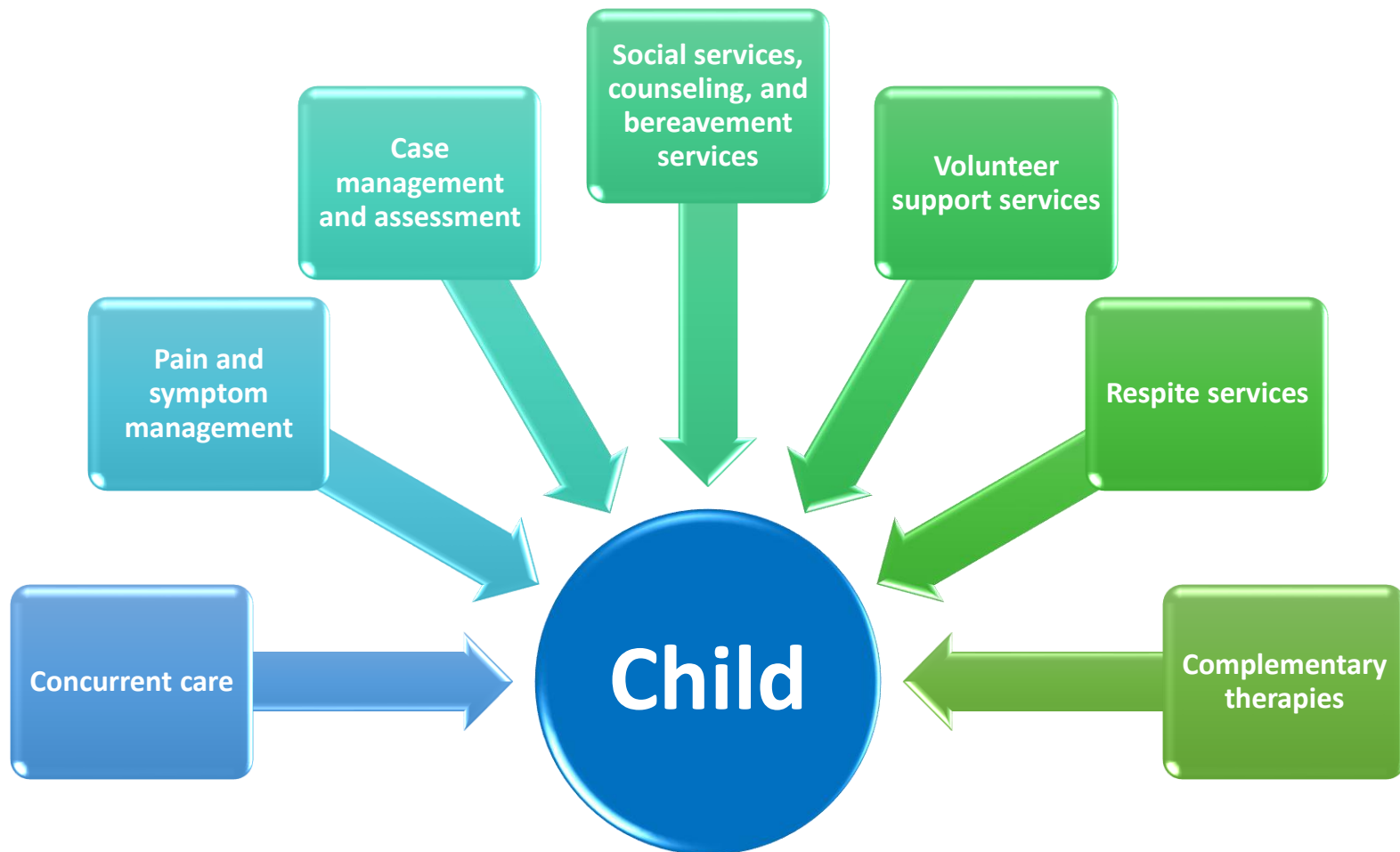
Summary of initial Working Group activities, reporting to State and approval to move ahead





Reminder of our mandate: To create a CT Pediatric Program...a child-centric service model

MISSION: To offer all children in Connecticut with life-limiting diagnosis and their families services and support for their complex health needs, advocacy to find the best solutions, collaborative management of their provider team, and delivery of concurrent, palliative and hospice care.



An opportunity for change: Best-in-class solution
Proposal for a new program providing Pediatric Palliative & Hospice Care



CT CHAMPION Care
Children's Health, Advocacy,
Management & Palliative Care



**What this
program will
offer**

A focus on the child and family

Ensures delivery of concurrent care, palliative/hospice care, nursing care and other resources

Creates a collaborative team to support the broad needs of the child and family

Addresses both medical and supportive care needs

Increases the number of skilled pediatric hospice practitioners in CT

Creates certification and licensure requirements for pediatric hospice

Offers home-based care in addition to facility-based services

Provides early intervention by hospice/palliative care professionals

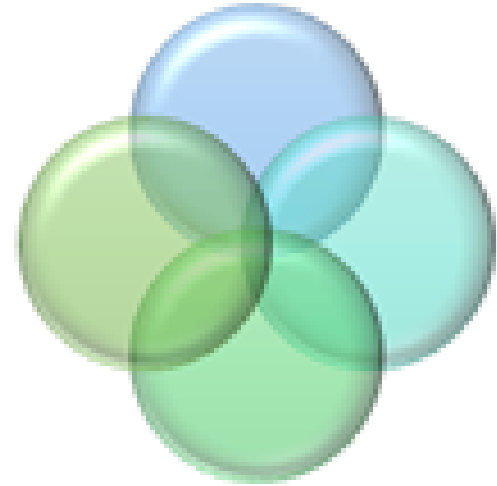
State-led advocacy to care for our most precious resources (and our most fragile population)

Moving ahead

Working groups

Key needs

Next Steps

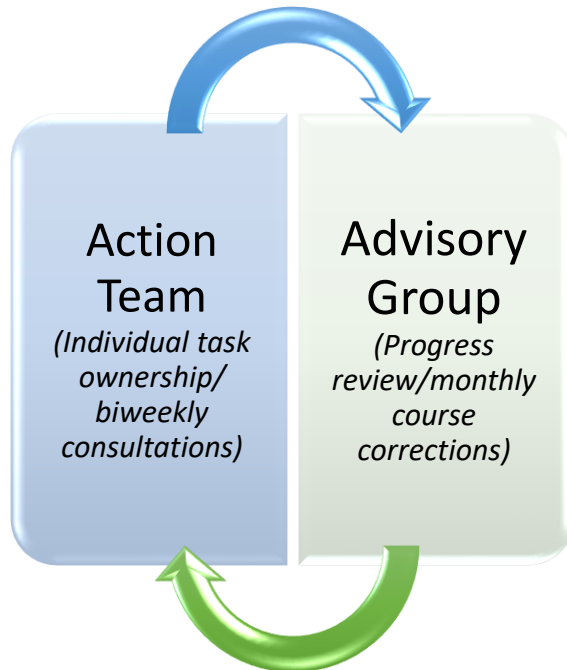




CHAMP Working Group

This effort will be guided by 2 teams that advise upon and develop key components of this pilot to maximize the impact on the needs of children in Connecticut and addresses critical elements to ensure success of a state-future wide program

2-Pronged Approach



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Phase 1: Key Needs

Important WG 'Action Team' roles that are critical to building the pilot



- Lead data gathering and analysis to identify pediatric patients across all organizations, agencies, hospitals, state-supported efforts
- Results will drive RN training, funding needs, services coordination, etc.

Metrics/Data Management



- Help guide RN curriculum development and implementation
- Coordinate agency implementation to facilitate practicums with pilot hospice organizations

RN Education



- Oversee development of certification and licensure requirements and supervise assessment of CT agencies and facilities to determine gaps & needs for pediatric program

Certification & Licensure



- Coordinate and ensure compliance with State & Federal mandates and requirements to avoid conflicts, manage risk and conform to existing rules

Compliance Coordination



- Coordinate messaging and communications plan to shepherd pilot, create tiers of messaging for medical professionals, patients/families, organizations, HC agencies and state government

Communications Planning



- Coordinate with WG Chairs, monitor progress, create draft reporting, develop workflows, etc.

Analysis & Coordination



Next Steps: First Pilot Phase & Draft Action Steps

The first phase of this pilot will focus on developing pilot elements; later phases will be created and will address proposed implementation. A detailed project plan will manage tasks and help oversee timelines.



Phase 1: Empowerment & Research - Aug 2025-Mar 2026

- WG guides best practice approaches to help avoid pitfalls and to transcend barriers to create a pediatric model
- WG establishes calendar of calls, identifies benchmarks for progress, develops workflows to ensure compliance with State Assembly expectations
- WG consults with experts, best practice leaders, key stakeholders to build and refine elements of Pilot proposal
- WG consults to support nursing curriculum for Fall 2025 semester implementation
- Working Group collaborates with state agencies, stakeholders to explore needs, confirm functionality, identify skilled resources, etc.
- WG researches and confirms state-wide pediatric metrics to ensure sufficient resources & support for pilot needs
- WG creates proposed map of early pilot action steps & implementation strategies

Pilot discussion

Questions, challenges, ideas

