Focus Group Findings

Barriers
- Time
- Discomfort: providers, families
- Lack of Knowledge: Child development, legalities
- Institutional Barriers: Visitation, restrictions
- Family willingness
- Fear of breaking: Composure, Family, Kid
- Understanding family dynamics
- Worry about: adding to family distress, over-stepping bounds

Asks
- Better understanding of: Developmental stages, CPS notification triggers, Red flags
- Resources: Handouts, Community helps, Books, Educational opportunities, Role play, Videos
- Child Life

Program Development – Resource packets, Provider tip sheet

Coping for Kids

WHAT IT IS:
- An effort to raise awareness of children close to ill or dying adults
- Practical information aimed to improve provider comfort & confidence discussing how adult illness or death affect children
- A framework to guide provider responses to questions about talking with children
- Age-specific resources providers can distribute to patients and families

WHAT IT IS NOT:
- An expectation that providers will speak directly with children
- An attempt to tell parents how to parent
- Criticism of how parents or families may choose to speak with their children
- A definitive guide to demystify how children cope
Published books that address grief and coping and target toddlers, early elementary, pre-teens and teen children also made available for distribution to families (grant supported portion of program)
Remaining Barriers

- Fear of breaking: Composure Family Kid
- Worry about: adding to family distress over-stepping bounds
- Discomfort: providers families
- Lack of Knowledge: Child development legalities
- Institutional Barriers Visitation restrictions
- Family willingness

Unaddressed Barriers and Asks Shown in Blue Circles and/or Black Text

Asks
- Better understanding of: Developmental stages CPS notification triggers Red flags
- Resources: Handouts Community helps Books
- Educational opportunities: Role play Videos
- Child Life

Balancing Measures

Time / Work Load – difficult to track
Surrogate = satisfaction/helpfulness of program as identified by team members
Future Directions

Ongoing tracking of resources, expansion to chaplains, outpatient clinic

Attempt to quantify affected children

Family satisfaction measure