

The Hospital Outreach Program (HOP) brings the hopeful, playful spirit of The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp to children and families in the hospital setting. The program helps restore joy and laughter in a time of fear, stress and uncertainty. Camp Hospital Outreach specialists work collaboratively with hospital staff to create experiences defined by fun activities and enduring friendships.



ABOUT CAMP

Founded in 1988 by Paul Newman, The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp is a community dedicated to providing “a different kind of healing” to seriously ill children and their families through a variety of year-round programs. The Camp delivers fun, friendship and a healthy dose of mischief through its signature summer program and weekend sessions at the Camp facility in Ashford, Conn. as well as outreach to hospitals, clinics and communities across the Northeast. All services are free of charge.

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WHERE TO FIND US

HOP can be found in locations across the Northeast. Families with hospitalized children can visit with us at one of our many events held at the locations we serve, or can speak with their child life specialist for more information on regularly scheduled sessions in playrooms or one-on-one visits.

"Having HOP involved...has been so amazing. It is the first time a group of people have come to run a program and they truly understand how to interact with medically complicated kids. They handle the deficits in stride and figure out ways for everyone to be involved and participate. I cannot say enough about how talented and compassionate the staff has been."



WHAT WE DO

Through one-on-one interactions and group activities, HOP brings Camp's unique summer programming and spirit to hospitals and clinics. Whether working bedside, in playrooms or outpatient clinic settings, our interactions and activities with children and families include arts & crafts projects and interactive games specifically adapted for use in the medical setting, as well as other Camp-inspired programming and events. Just like at Camp, all interactions are guided by the child's choice and are child-driven.

OUR HISTORY

Seeing the extraordinary healing that comes from Camp, the organization knew there must be a way to bring that same experience to hospitalized children. So, in 2002, we ventured into two Northeastern hospitals and proved that the fun, friendship and joy experienced at Camp were indeed portable. With that, the Hospital Outreach Program was born.



"We love that HOP is now available for night programming!!! We love it and so do the children and families!!!!"



"HOP staff are fabulous! The kids and families love them. They are sensitive and professional but also so fun! And I am often inspired by the activities they offer."

"HOP has such an amazing impact on the children and families. They are attentive and respectful to all differences in cultures, beliefs, diagnosis, family structure, etc. They are fully supportive of the children, families, staff members and myself. I cannot say enough good things."

We Have Five Regional Teams Serving:

Boston • Central New England
New Jersey • New York City • Philadelphia



THE TEAM

The Hospital Outreach program director is a certified child life specialist with a specialty in hematology/oncology.

Our specially-trained Hospital Outreach specialists come from a variety of backgrounds, but all share a commitment to sharing Camp magic and joy with children in a clinical setting.

"HOP specialists have the ability to empower our young patients who are then able to share with others what they have learned. I watch this happen over and over again, creating an environment of self-esteem and many smiles."