

Kids Hospice Net: We are here for you!

Our Offer: Mobile pediatric team - Daycare for children - Pediatric palliative care team - Family support for brothers and sisters - Grief support.

Do you have a child with an incurable disease?

We will support you.

Whom do we take care of?

We are Vienna's first hospice for children, teenagers and young adults with life-threatening or life-shortening diseases such as:

- Metabolic disorders
- Genetic diseases
 - Cancers
- Handicaps and disabilities
- Congenital diseases diagnosed during pregnancy.

The Kids Hospice Net represents a unique and comprehensive care concept for children, teenagers and young adults with limited life expectancy, focused on the needs of the entire family. During our first meeting, we will draw up a flexible plan for you, and we will support you and your families, take care of them, accompany and relieve you from the first diagnosis, at any time, day or night, **free of charge**. We collaborate with specialists, hospitals, clinics, paramedics and ambulances. You can be referred to or contact us directly.

Our team will take care of you and your child at home and during the daycare. The needs of your sick child and the wellbeing of the entire family are important to us, especially the wellbeing of your other kids. We are multi-professional team with a palliative care training and experience in the fields of nursing, pediatrics, general medicine, social work, spiritual and life guidance, kindergarten teachers and team of trained volunteered staff.

What do we offer you and your family?

We will support you before, during and directly after the release of the sick child from the hospital as well as organizing medical visits to your house and we may give advise if you have any questions regarding nursing or any other issues and will help you purchase medical aids and treatments. We will advise you on social security issues and accompany you to offices and

authorities. We will ensure close cooperation with the supervising medical team, medication and therapeutic facilities. We will accompany you to planned appointments with the clinics, support you with any palliative medical questions you might have and help you in creating a treatment target or living will. We also organize conferences, assist in providing mobile care and therapy as well as provide spiritual counseling. In our daycare hospice, we will help you in your day-to-day life.

The Daycare Hospice:

In our **daycare hospice**, we spend time with your sick child; relieve you in your everyday life, as a parent or close relative. We create a space for your child where he can receive therapy if necessary and where he can be looked after. The daycare is a place where parents, relatives, siblings and other affected families can meet together. This offer can be used regularly for as many years as needed, even after the passing of the child it will still be opened for grief counseling and support. We are funded purely by donations and our offer comes at no cost to the families.

Groups for brothers and Sisters:

We look after the brothers and sisters of the diseased child by spending time with them, listening to them and being there for them, playing with them, practicing sports and helping them with their school homeworks and assignments. We regularly organize group activities and activities with pets and animals. Our work with siblings is particularly important because children and teenagers who have seriously ill siblings often suffer, particularly from the stressed family situation. The contact with such affected children is very important to let them express their experiences, feelings, and thoughts. Our kindergarten teacher, diploma holder and consultant Doris Schon-Reitzner, the head of these groups, plans various activities, and is supported by a team of trained and committed volunteers. She does not only accompany the children in their exciting activities, but she is also a competent and trustworthy person, and if required, she will take care of required pick-ups and carpools.

Our offer for children between 4 to 10 years: Trips to the countryside, activities with pets and animals, visits to museums and theaters, games and creative afternoons, adventure day at the farm, baking cookies together.

For children over 10 years: Action and adventure sports; ice-skating, climbing, bowling, visiting the wilderness, cable or motor cars game parks; this program is designed so that the children involve their ideas and wishes.

Grief support groups for brothers and sisters:

Children mourn in a different way than adults. Our experience has shown us that it is very helpful, relieving and positive for them to have contact with other affected children of the same age group. We support the Children in finding their own strengths, dealing with losses and farewells. Our aim is to help them attract and discover more joy in life through creative offers and joint rituals. In the siblings' grief group, the children get to know each other and learn how to adapt with, explain and develop emotions with topics such as illness, death, dying and anticipated grief. When painting, kneading, listening to music, cooking and baking, playing games and telling story, the children have the opportunity to become aware of their own feelings, to express them and to learn how to deal with them.

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Bus lines: 7A, 8A, 9A, 15A, 59A, 63A.

By car: private underground car park (subject to charges)