



Pediatric Oncology Support Team, Inc.

Because **no family** should walk their child's cancer journey alone

About POST

Our Mission

POST is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit enhancing the social, emotional, and financial wellness for local children with cancer and their families.

Services

We provide *free*, high-quality, family-centered support services to children with cancer and their families. Our services include, but are not limited to:

- Individual & Family Counseling
- Sibling Support
- Medical Play
- Procedural Support
- Wish referral and coordination
- Case Management
- Resource Referral
- Support Groups
- Educational Advocacy
- School Re-Entry
- Survivorship Support
- End-of-Life Care
- Bereavement Services

No appointments are necessary, just stop by during our office hours! However, if you have a specific question, or an issue you would like dealt with privately, then an appointment is recommended.

Whom We Help

Services apply to families that reside in one of the following counties: Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Okeechobee and Hendry. This includes:

- Any child age 0-17 being treated for cancer and living in one of the six counties listed
- Any patient age 18-22 being treated for cancer by a pediatric oncologist and living in one of the six counties listed
- Any patient who lives in Florida and receives treatment for cancer at a pediatric oncology treatment center in Palm Beach County



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Compassion Program

Families who have a child dealing with cancer sometimes need a break. For that reason, POST is able to connect you the "Compassion Program."

The program provides free tickets to select Florida theme parks:

- 3 days at Disney World (Orlando) to be used within 14 days
- 2 days at Universal Studios (Orlando) to be used within 14 days
- 1 day at Sea World (Orlando)
- 1 day at Busch Gardens (Tampa)

You do not have to visit all four theme parks at once. However, Disney and Universal tickets must be used within 14 days of the first visit to the park.

Immediate family members living in the home of the diagnosed patient (must show ID & proof of residence if over 18 years old) are eligible for the Compassion Program. POST is able to connect your family to the free tickets, but is not typically able to cover hotel or gas costs.

Contact Terrie, POST Care Coordinator, at 561-882-6336 at least two weeks in advance (three during peak time for theme parks) for tickets or more information.

Children's Wish Foundation International

Wish Fulfillment

CWFI is a wish granting organization that handles all arrangements for your child's wish. They cover all expenses incurred and arrange transportation, accommodations, and meals while traveling. They also include all family members under the age of 18 who live at the patient's home.

Young Minds

Children who are under the age of four, or who are cognitively under the age of four are eligible for the Young Minds program. The following is a sample of the selection to choose from:

- TV with a DVD player and a library of Children's DVDs
- Stereo with a CD player and a library of children's CDs
- Toy and Doll Collection

For more information or to apply, contact Terrie at POST at 561-882-6336



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Hospital Information

Tips for Visiting the Hospital

Here are some guidelines for visitors to the children's hospital that help maintain a safe and calm environment for children and their families:

- If you are sick, or feel any cold symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, fever, itchy throat, etc., please do not visit the hospital. A common cold for *you* may mean a long hospital stay or a life threatening infection for a cancer patient. If you exhibit any symptoms you will not be allowed entry into the Children's Hospital.
- Please wash your hands thoroughly before you arrive at the Oncology floor. Also sanitize your hands frequently, between patient rooms, or after touching another person.
- Please keep conversations quiet to respect other children and families.
- Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Wear your visitor badge visibly at all times.
- Alcohol, drugs and weapons are not permitted in the hospital.
- Smoking is not permitted inside the hospital and is not permitted anywhere on the hospital campus.
- Abide by any directions given to you by hospital staff