The Pediatric Palliative and Hospice Care Task Force was created in January 2008, bringing together over 140 stakeholders for the purpose of designing a holistic, continuum of care for children with life-threatening and/or life-limiting illnesses. The task force issued their final report and the executive summary is available for your reference on the Department of Human Services website.

The report’s executive summary lists the task force’s five core recommendations and solutions to improve the quality of pediatric palliative and hospice care services. It also clearly outlines the challenges and barriers to care that these fragile children and their families face. Many members of the original task force are active in the Children’s Hospice and Palliative Care Coalition.

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