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# Partners in Care

Assisting Families as they  
struggle with serious illness

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# Mission

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*“OUR MISSION AT PARTNERS IN CARE IS TO SUPPORT THE DIGNITY AND CHOICE OF PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AS THEY WALK THE PATH OF SERIOUS ILLNESS.”*

*- Partners in Care, 2003.*



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# PIC clients and families receive:

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- ❑ Home visits by team members
- ❑ Palliative care physician consultation when needed
- ❑ Regular phone contact
- ❑ Ongoing support during course of illness
- ❑ Accompany to MD visits as needed



# Partners in Care has served:

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- ❑ Over 900 clients and their families since 2001
- ❑ Ages 3 to 110 years old!
- ❑ 5% of clients under the age of 18.
- ❑ 20% of families have members under the age of 18.

# Demographics

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- In 2009, children made up 24% of the population of the United States
- An estimated 160,000 children worldwide are diagnosed with cancer each year and 90,000 will eventually die from their illness.
- 15-18% of children in U.S. live with a severe chronic health condition



# Children: the underserved

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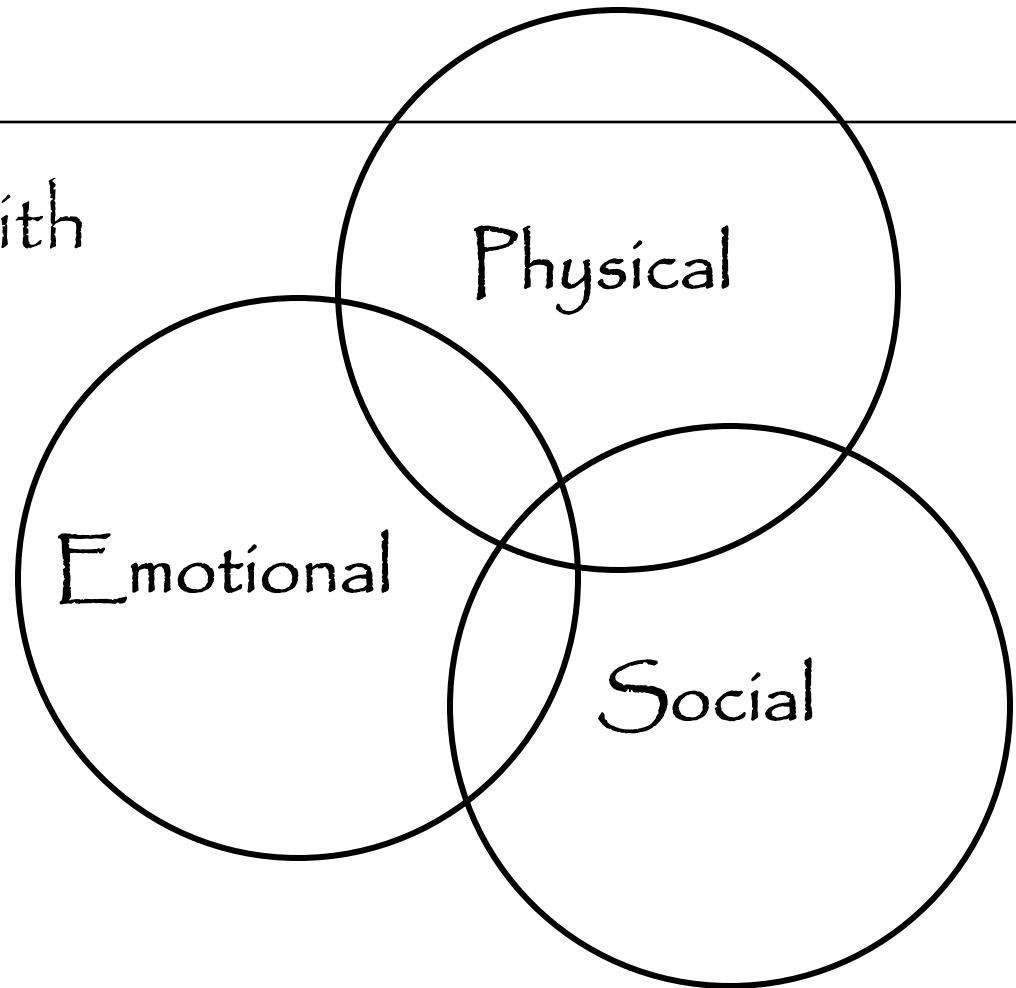
- Few services exist for seriously ill children in our community.
- Limited resources available aimed at support and counseling for children experiencing serious illness in their families.

# The Changes

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that come with

Serious  
Illness







# Issues facing children and their families

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- Stress
- Fear
- Anger
- Depression
- Loneliness



# Practical issues facing families

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- ❑ Caring for well siblings
- ❑ Managing home health care
- ❑ Financial management
- ❑ Preparing for what lies ahead
- ❑ Balancing academics
- ❑ Preparing for end of life



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# Growing resources in our community

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- Ronald McDonald Charities
  - “Partners for Kids” program
    - Counseling services for children
    - Supplies/equipment not covered by insurance
    - Outlier services for seriously ill children



# Partners for Kids

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- “Seeks to ensure that children in El Dorado County who are directly impacted by the diagnosis of a life threatening or terminal illness will have access to medical equipment, medical supplies and support service that address their medical as well as emotional needs.”



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