



## WORKSHOP EVALUATION

*Date: January 27, 2009*

**Workshop Topic: “Preparing Your Child For a Hospital Experience.”**

### **During this workshop session, I learned:**

- Some wonderful tips on how to handle a hospital stay.
- I learned a great deal about the role a Child Life Specialist plays in making sure that each child (as well as the entire family) has a positive hospital experience. I also learned how specialized CCMC is in caring for children, and how fortunate we are to have one of only a few hospitals like this in the country, available to us.
- Ways to really prepare my child for a hospital experience.
- What a great resource CCMC is for CT families – why would anyone want to take a child elsewhere for medical treatment?

### **The most useful part of today’s workshop session for me was:**

- The whole power point presentation was a great tool to helping newborns to adults cope with having to deal well in a hospital experience.
- The opportunity to hear about the resources available at CCMC BEFORE there is a need for it. Paula did a wonderful job sharing her enthusiasm, care and compassion in describing her job. The video, prepared by CCMC was very informative- I enjoyed seeing what the hospital was like, and now feel more prepared should the need ever arise. I know where to go, and what to do in case someone I know needs to go the hospital.
- The power point presentation answered all of the questions I had. It was great!!!

### **Did this workshop offer you hands-on information to help prepare your child for academic success and life-long learning? (Please explain how)**

- This workshop definitely provided hands-on information to help prepare any child for emotional success when faced with a pediatric health crisis.
- Yes, ways of dealing with pain and trusting people.
- Yes, I now see a child life specialist as someone that I can turn to for answers and guidance

### **Here is what I plan to do as a result of today’s workshop:**

- Have less fear and anxiety when having to face or having a family member face a stay in the hospital.
- I am able to share what I learned with others about CCMC, and why they would want to choose a hospital that specializes in medical care just for children.
- Tell others to go to CCMH if their child, or any child they know, needs medical treatment

**I still have questions or concerns about:**

- My experience has been that the Emergency parking at CCMC is not adequate. Why was the hospital built without an enclosed walkway from the parking garage to the main building?

**I would like to share with the trainer(s) the following suggestions/comments:**

- Paula - Thank you for providing such an informative workshop. I didn't realize that CCMC did so much for the children and their families - I wish they had been around when my children were young.
- My only experience at CCMC was this past year with my teenager, and it was a wonderful experience even though it was a hospital experience. We were kept informed every step of the way in my daughter's treatment, and my 16 year old felt valued and considered in all ways by the staff of the hospital.

**In the future, would you be willing to pay a fee for a similar workshop?  Yes  No**

**If yes, please indicate the amount you feel would be reasonable for the GECC to charge:**

\$ 5.00 to \$10.00

\$10.00 to \$15.00

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\$15.00 to \$20.00

- Yes \$ 5.00-10.00 (provider)
- Yes \$10.00-15.00 (parent)
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**THANK YOU!!**