

# The HAP Foundation



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Welcome to The HAP Foundation's HAPpenings e-news!  
We are thrilled to bring you a **monthly** electronic newsletter with **current happenings at The HAP Foundation.**

Please watch this short video from our president, Joseph Matty.

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## Serious Illness Collaborative

The HAP Foundation is convening the state's first Serious Illness Collaborative, which is a group of stakeholders from all areas of health care (providers, clinicians, payors, elected officials and state government representatives) with one common goal to define what community-based palliative care looks like for Illinoisans and develop both consistent standards of care as well as viable payment methods to pay for it. For more information, please contact [Sara Dado, Executive Director of Adult Palliative Care at the HAP Foundation](#).

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## Pediatric Palliative Legislation

Navigated by the Greater Illinois Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition, a program of The HAP Foundation, two new laws make Illinois among the leading states to mandate Medicaid and state-regulated private health insurance coverage for pediatric palliative care. We continue to work with state agencies on regulations with target implementation dates in July 2023 and January 2024, respectively.

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## Community Health Worker (CHW) Leadership

**We are proud to share that Noelle Moore, Senior Executive Director of Strategy and Program Design, has been appointed by Illinois Senate President Don Harmon to Illinois' Community Health Workers Review Board.** She was nominated to the Board by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White. Noelle is a strong advocate for the work of CHW's through her drive to improve awareness of and equitable access to high-quality serious illness care. We are looking forward to this exciting opportunity to make a greater impact for Illinoisans.

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## Highlighting a CHW

**We are excited to share that Kandis Draw, Community Health Worker for the Englewood/Chatham region was appointed to the Special Commission on Gynecological Cancers.** This is a new Illinois State Board under the Illinois Department of Public Health. The goals will include understanding the prevalence of gynecological cancer diagnoses in our state, determining how to best address disparities in outcomes in underserved and vulnerable populations and making legislative recommendations related to current unmet needs of individuals with this type of diagnosis. Additionally, Kandis was recently selected as a committee member of the National Association of Community Health Worker's (NACHW) Policy Board. We are looking forward to all that Kandis will contribute and accomplish in these positions.

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## Planned Giving

It may be necessary to update your estate plan. If you have the JourneyCare Foundation, JourneyCare, Horizon Hospice and Palliative Care, Midwest Palliative and Hospice Care

Center, or any of the earlier iterations of these groups named in your documents, you simply need to update the name to "The HAP Foundation." Our tax identification number remains the same, 36-3820916. Please talk to your advisor as soon as possible to update your plans as these organizations have discontinued operations.

We appreciate your continuous support of hospice and palliative care. To further discuss your legacy gift options please contact Christine Post-Duncan, Sr. Director, Finance and Estate Planning at [cpost-duncan@thehapfoundation.org](mailto:cpost-duncan@thehapfoundation.org) or 312-741-1280. Christine would also be happy to visit with you in person or by phone.

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## When a Child Dies Family Resource

We are honored to share with you the release of *When a Child Dies: Planning Acts of Love & Legacy*, a family resource that offers guidance to help families say goodbye. We are forever grateful for the voices of parents, healthcare providers, grief specialists, and funeral professionals who contributed their stories and expertise in creating this guidebook.

The booklet was funded by the Funeral Service Foundation and created in partnership with the Greater Illinois Pediatric Palliative Care (GIPPCC), Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition-Pennsylvania (PPCC-PA), and the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA).

Visit [FuneralServiceFoundation.org](http://FuneralServiceFoundation.org) to order FREE copies. A free e-book version is also available to download and share on websites and social platforms.

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## Join the Conversation

### Upcoming Community Presentations

Join us on February 13th, 2023, at 7pm, at the Niles Public Library for a free presentation on ***Living with Serious Illness***. Find support. Learn the differences between hospice and palliative care, who is eligible, benefits to patients and families, and what daily care looks like. Presented by Maureen Burns. Visit [this](#) link to register.

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### The HAP Foundation's Community Health Learning Collective

The HAP Community Health Worker (CHW) Team invites you to participate in the HAP Foundation's Community Health Learning Collective . This is a CHW founded and led virtual monthly meeting of CHWs and other related professionals, community members and clinicians. It is an opportunity to discuss emerging issues in the field, share organizational announcements and experience fellowship with like-minded individuals Each Community Health Learning Collective session contains education programming to encourage and inform CHW work and open dialogue about critical issues that impact our organizations. Upcoming dates and education topics are noted below. If you are interested in joining this free collaborative conversation and learning group, please email Maureen Burns, Senior Community Education Associate and Research Liaison at [mburns@thehapfoundation.org](mailto:mburns@thehapfoundation.org). Not able to attend? Check our community education page for recordings of previous sessions [here](#).

- January 25, 2023, 2pm-330pm, The HAP Foundation CHW Team, ***Medical Mistrust and End of Life Disparities***

- February 15, 2023, 1pm-230pm, Karen Moore, documentary Film Maker, "**Who Told You Your Black Is Not Beautiful**" film showing and Q&A with the Director.
  - March 23, 2023, 12pm-130pm, Margarita Reina, Chicago Public Health Department, **Data Literacy**
  - April 26, 2023, 12pm-130pm, Access Living, **Disability Organizing**
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## Pediatric Palliative Care (PPC) Webinar Series

We are thrilled to open up registration for the [2023 PPC Webinar Series](#). **Each monthly webinar features national experts in caring for seriously ill children and their families.** The series is hosted by a collaboration between Children's Hospice & Palliative Care Coalition of California (CHPCC), Pennsylvania's Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition (PPCC-PA) and Greater Illinois Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition (GIPPCC). Continuing education hours are available for licensed social workers and registered nurses through a partnership with The California State University Shiley Haynes Institute for Palliative Care.

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