



Hospice

Craven County
Health Department
Home Health-
Hospice Agency

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“You matter to the last moment of your life...”

Hospice cares and offers choices about how and where the last days of life are spent.

Craven County Health Department Hospice Agency makes staying home possible through an interdisciplinary team approach which includes:

- Hospice Nurse
- Hospice Social Worker
- Nurses Aides
- Respite Aides
- Trained Hospice Volunteers
- Clergy

Hospice is here for families and their needs.
Hospice provides care regardless of inability to pay due to lack of insurance.

Craven County Health Department Hospice Agency provides:

- Palliative care (comfort measures)
- Skilled nursing
- Personal hygiene care
- Counseling (impending death, grief, coping)
- Respite for the caregiver
- Friendly visits
- Spiritual support (if desired)
- Resources for most any situation
- On-call support
- Bereavement support/counseling

The Craven County Health Department Hospice Agency has been serving families in our area since 1980.

Hear what some of our clients have said...

...“Two little words of ‘thank you’ does not seem enough at this time to let you know how I feel about your group.”

...“You are very caring for not only your patients but also for their families as well. This makes for a very comforting feeling.”

...“Everyone that visited us was truly professional as well as compassionate. You made this sad time easier for all of us.”

...“Thank you for the dignity and peace you gave him at the end of his time on Earth.”

...“You are all truly Angels of Mercy.”

When does one know they are ready for Hospice care?

When patients and families make the decision to stop curative treatments for a life-limiting illness and have a prognosis of six months or less, they are Hospice eligible. Hospice care is adding more life to days rather than days to life.

How does one get referred to Hospice?

Either the primary physician or the physician providing care for a life-limiting illness needs to make a telephone referral to our agency. The patient will continue to be under that doctor's care; however, the doctor will work in conjunction with Hospice.

What is the family's responsibility in receiving Hospice care for a family member?

Patients must have a primary caregiver that will be responsible for the day-to-day care. A skilled nursing facility or assisted living facility may also serve as the primary caregiver.