

“I will be forever grateful for the support and compassion provided to our family by the caring staff and volunteers of the Carousel perinatal program. They were always there to ease our fears but, even more importantly, they shared in the celebration of our son’s life and helped us come to realize his very unique beauty and place in this world.”

Mother of
a perinatal patient

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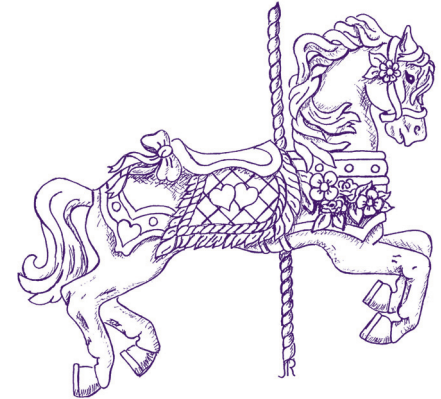
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Perinatal Services

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Carousel

Pediatric Palliative Care

Specialized support for you
and your unborn child

Carousel Perinatal Services

Perinatal Support to Meet Your Family's Unique Needs

Sonograms and prenatal tests are powerful medical tools to help expectant families plan for the future.

But sometimes those tests reveal congenital problems that may limit the baby's life. For families facing that uncertainty, Carousel Perinatal Services offers support, comfort and education. The perinatal program is designed specifically to meet the unique needs of families whose babies will be born with limited life expectancies.

The program starts with a visit from the perinatal social worker to discuss the family's wishes, needs and information about how to enroll in the program.

Services include:

1. Assistance with creating a birth plan to be shared with hospital staff. This plan may include:

- ♥ The family's decision on medical interventions for the baby.
- ♥ The level of care and medical treatments desired.

- ♥ Rituals (such as baptism) desired at the time of birth.

- ♥ A list of people to be present at the birth.

- ♥ A description of what labor and delivery staff should do when the baby is born (for example, "We want our baby to be wrapped in a blanket and handed to us, and then we want time alone with our baby.").

2. Support, information, encouragement and help creating ways to celebrate the baby's birth and life.

3. Assistance with planning final arrangements and celebrations of the infant's life.

4. Grief support for parents, siblings, grandparents and others affected by the baby's life and death.

Babies who go home with their parents will continue to receive services through Carousel.

Carousel provides:

- ♥ Regularly scheduled visits by health care professionals who have expertise in pediatric and perinatal services.

- ♥ Instruction on caring for babies at home.

- ♥ Emotional and spiritual support for the entire family.

- ♥ Respite care and support from trained volunteers.

- ♥ Assistance with community resources.

- ♥ Nurses on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to answer questions and make necessary home visits.

- ♥ Grief support.

For More Information

Call Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care at 816-363-2600 and ask for Carousel. Carousel can provide more information about services, or schedule a free assessment.



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