



*Injury and illness impacts all members of a patient's family system. The literature shows there are "beneficial effects to the child by clearing up misconceptions, allaying fears and anxieties and providing an opportunity for questions and feedback."*

Krapel, G. (1995) Visiting Hours in the Adult Intensive Care Unit: Using Research to Develop a system that Works. Dimensions of Critical Care Nursing, 14(5) 245-257.

# Facilitating hospital visits

## For Children and Adolescents

To request this service, please contact your unit-based Social Worker, or Social Work Services at extension 52966.

### A Referral to Social Work Services for Facilitated Visitation includes:

- Collaboration with the Interdisciplinary Health Care Team to provide Patient-Centered and Family Focused Care
- A comprehensive Psychosocial Assessment
- Develop an age appropriate visitation plan in the context of the patient's diagnosis and prognosis
- Alternatives to visitation are also supported - coloring a picture, making a tape for the patient, bringing in photos/mementos, etc.