

LEGACY BUILDING AND CHRONICALLY ILL CHILDREN

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INTRODUCTION

THE GOAL OF THIS LITERATURE WAS TO IDENTIFY...

- THE ROLE BETWEEN LEGACY BUILDING IN CHRONICALLY ILL CHILDREN'S OVERALL WELL-BEING
- FIND CURRENT RESEARCH ON LEGACY BUILDING



COVERAGE

- LITERATURE FOUND THROUGH TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY VOLPE LIBRARY SEARCH ENGINE AND GOOGLE SCHOLAR.
- KEY TERMS USED IN RESEARCH
 - "LEGACY BUILDING"
 - "MEMORY MAKING"
 - "CHILD LIFE"
- DEFINITIONS:
 - LEGACY: THE TRANSMISSION OF SELF, VALUES, AND BELIEFS THAT MAY BE CONVEYED THROUGH ACTIONS AND CONCRETE BEHAVIORS
 - LEGACY BUILDING: A SET OF INTERVENTIONS FOCUSED ON HELPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CREATE LASTING MEMORIES
 - COPYING: EFFORT TO TRY AND MINIMIZE OR MASTER STRESS

METHODOLOGY

A LITERATURE REVIEW WAS CONDUCTED BY REVIEWING THE CURRENT PUBLISHED LITERATURE RELATED TO THIS TOPIC. THE FOLLOWING STEPS WERE TAKEN IN ORDER TO CONDUCT THE REVIEW ON THIS TOPIC:

1. DEVELOPED SEARCH TERMS
2. USED SEARCH TERMS TO IDENTIFY ARTICLES RELEVANT TO TOPIC
3. REVIEWED THE ARTICLES FOUND
4. SELECTED LITERATURE TO INCLUDE IN FINAL REVIEW
5. SYNTHESIZED THE INFORMATION FROM ALL THE SELECTED LITERATURE
6. SUMMARIZED FINDINGS IN LITERATURE REVIEW



RESULTS

- LEGACY CONSISTS OF THE SELF, VALUES, AND BELIEFS. IT IS THE EXISTENTIAL MEANING THAT IS PASSED ON.
- LEGACY BUILDING ACTIVITIES ARE CREATED IN COLLABORATION WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND STAFF
- FAMILIES RECOMMEND LEGACY BUILDING TO OTHER FAMILIES FACING SIMILAR SITUATIONS.
- FAMILIES SAID THAT THEY FOUND LEGACY TO BE BENEFICIAL TO THEIR FAMILY AND FOUND THE KEEPSAKES TO BE MEANINGFUL.
- LEGACY BUILDING PROVIDES CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH LONG LASTING MEMORIES

SIGNIFICANCE

THE USE OF LEGACY BUILDING IN THE MEDICAL SETTING IS AN ESSENTIAL TOPIC OF DISCUSSION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- LEGACY BUILDING PROVIDES LONG-LASTING MEMORIES FOR CHRONICALLY ILL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.
- LEGACY BUILDING PROVIDES A MEANS FOR CHRONICALLY ILL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES TO REWRITE THEIR HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCES IN A WAY THAT PROMOTES COPING.
- LEGACY BUILDING PROVIDES CHILDREN WITH A SENSE OF NORMALCY THAT IS OFTEN LOST IN THE HOSPITAL SETTING.

CONCLUSIONS

- RESEARCH SUGGESTS LEGACY BUILDING BENEFITS BOTH CHRONICALLY ILL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. THEY CAN COPE THROUGH DOCUMENTING THEIR RELATIONSHIPS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND HOPES.
- LEGACY BUILDING NEEDS TO BE THE STANDARD IN ALL HOSPITALS TO PROVIDE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO COPE WITH THE STRESSFUL SITUATION AND CREATE A LASTING MEMORY.
- AN AREA THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE EXPLORED IS SELECTION OF LEGACY BUILDING ACTIVITIES AMONG DIFFERENT HOSPITALS. WHAT THEY GO TO IS AND WHY. I WANT TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY GEOGRAPHICAL CONNECTION.



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