

STUDYING OUR IMPACT IN HOSPITALS

In 2024, in partnership with Trent University, researchers studied the psychosocial outcomes associated with participating in Campfire Circle's In-Hospital Programming, and we're excited to share the study results. This study explored the impact of Campfire Circle's in-hospital programming on both caregivers and children undergoing treatment.

The findings revealed key themes for both caregivers and children.

For caregivers, having their children participate in In-Hospital Programming offered: the ability to take a break, reassurance of their child's well-being and for their child to feel "normal"; and for children: the opportunity to experience positive emotions, in a supportive environment, during a stressful situation.



CAREGIVERS TOLD US:

"I cried the first time [my child] spoke to one of the Campfire staff because [my child] was so shy and traumatized for so long. It was so nice to see [my child] finally happy and having fun."

"The Campfire team was always very positive and helped a stressful situation."

"Campfire Circle's in-hospital programming gave me moments of reprieve from the constant fear and stress."

Participating in Campfire Circle's In-hospital programming while on treatment was associated with higher total resilience in children and youth, suggesting a meaningful impact on psychosocial well-being.



CAMPERS TOLD US:

"I think that Campfire Circle was an amazing experience and if I ever do end up in the hospital again, I would definitely need to have those people who came and hung out with me almost every day."

"I was happy playing with them because I feel not alone."

"They're awesome, helped in my times of need."

Overall, the study found that Campfire Circle's in-hospital programming offers a vital source of joy, connection, and resilience for children facing serious illnesses, while also giving parents and caregivers a much-needed opportunity to step back and recharge.