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NEWS ADVISORY

PHS plans comprehensive conference for home care nurses

Growing Up Complex focuses on creating a seamless transition from pediatrics to adulthood

What: Recognizing the unique needs of this emerging population, this full day of training for home care nurses focuses on how to adapt as home care providers when children with medical complexities transition to adulthood.

Who: Sponsored by children's home care provider Pediatric Home Service, Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare and the University of Northwestern.

When: Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Where: Nazareth Room, University of Northwestern, 3003 Snelling Ave N, St. Paul, MN

Program Highlights:

The day-long conference covers topics that will help home care nurses gain a greater understanding of how to help their pediatric patient as they transition into adulthood. Topics include:

- How specific diseases impact the body and how interventions change over time
- A patient's perspective on what it is like to transition from providers who specialize in children to providers for adults, and the role his nurses played in that process.
- Panel of Gillette health care professionals discussing lifetime care for patients
- Resources for nurses and patient families.

Participants will earn 7 contact hours.

Registration details:

Registration for this instructor-led course is available online at www.kidsthiveconference.com

Early registration through February 6 is \$75.00; regular registration through April 25 is \$125; walk-in/day of the event is \$150; and students qualify for a special rate of \$50.

Why:

Advances in medicine and technology are enabling children with medical complexity to live longer, creating an ever-increasing population of medically complex young adults. PHS currently supports over 5,000 children and adults with medical complexities. This unique conference addresses this emerging population of complex kids transitioning into adults from the perspective of caregivers, health care providers and patients. With community based care being the future for patients, PHS strives to help educate this segment of the healthcare workforce in order to provide the safest care possible for patients receiving care at home.

About Pediatric Home Service

Based in St. Paul, Minn., Pediatric Home Service is an independent pediatric home care company that helps children with medical complexities and technology dependencies live safely and successfully where they're most comfortable, at home with their families, rather than in a hospital. Pediatric Home Service has been partnering with health care professionals and family caregivers for more than two decades to deliver compassionate, specialized, high-quality care to children with special medical needs.

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