

Supporting Chicago Comer Children's Hospital

There are many ways to support this valuable community resource.

Volunteering

Volunteers are very important to our children. They are needed in many areas, including:

- The Abelson Family Learning Center
- The Thrall Family Playroom
- Surgery Waiting Lounge
- NICU Cuddler Program
- Fundraising

Please contact the Volunteer Service Office at Chicago Comer Children's Hospital at 773-702-4421 for more information.

Making a gift

You can support our programs by making a tax-deductible gift. Gifts provide funding important child resources, such as the Abelson Family Learning Center, the Thrall Family Playroom, and NICU Cuddlers. Please contact the Development Office at Chicago Comer Children's Hospital at (773) 834-1304 for more information.

The Herbert T. Abelson Family Learning Center
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The center, which is located on the first floor of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"One hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world will be a better place because I was important in the life of a child."

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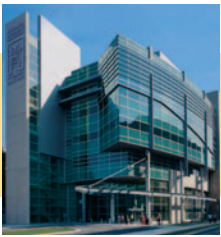
The Herbert T. Abelson Family Learning Center

- Empowering Families with Education



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At the Forefront of **KIDS'** Medicine®



Valuable Resources To Help You Help Your Child

At the University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital, we provide the finest medical care for your child. A vital part of this process is assuring you have the tools you need to partner in this care.

The Herbert T. Abelson Family Learning Center

The Abelson Family Learning Center plays a very special role in helping families partner in their children's care. Conveniently located on the first floor of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital - next to the Thrall Family Playroom, the center provides information, support, resources, and family education.

Among the many services offered here are:

- Helping you find information specific to your child's needs, whether of a medical, safety, or personal nature
- Providing customized packets on your child's condition, which might include information about his or her diagnoses, treatment, procedures or tests, and plan of care
- Developing teaching tools to help our nurses help you and your child prepare for discharge home.
- Offering group classes on specific topics, i.e. well-baby care, apnea-monitoring, injections, CPR, central-line care, and nebulizer training
- Providing a library with both fictional and medical books
- Providing five computers for you and other families to access your e-mail, check in at work, and browse the Web
- Providing a fax machine, copier, and printer
- Setting up and facilitating family-to-family support
- Providing soothing music and a comfortable place to relax

Help on Your Unit

To further help our families, we provide educational resources on the units throughout Chicago Comer Children's Hospital. Look for:

- Family Learning Center monthly education calendars that list classes
- Sign-up sheets for classes
- Education 'prescription' pads with recommendations by the patient's doctor or nurse to the Abelson Family Learning Center for the family's educational needs in light of their child's condition
- GetWellNetwork® educational programs

You will also receive visits in your room from the Family Learning Center Coordinator.



Preparing Families to Help Their Children at Home

The staff at Chicago Comer Children's Hospital is dedicated to empowering you with education to care successfully for your child once he or she returns home from the children's hospital. We will work with you to prepare you to meet the challenges – however complex. By partnering together in this care, all of us will be stronger.

