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For Improving End-of-Life Care

Mission:
To educate and raise awareness within San Diego County about end-of-life issues, and to provide resources to help people make informed choices.



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A not-for-profit organization

History

This Coalition, founded in 2000, was formed in response to the Bill Moyers' PBS Series "On Our Own Terms" with the goal of improving awareness of end-of-life issues within the community. Our membership is diverse and is comprised of concerned citizens who have experienced or been affected by end-of-life issues as well as a variety of healthcare professionals, social workers, educators, attorneys, faith community leaders, funeral directors, consumer advocates and others.

As part of the national movement to re-evaluate how we care for critically and terminally ill patients and their loved ones, we seek to break the silence which surrounds this subject and to bring openness, education, and awareness. We seek a change that will allow us to see the dying process as a normal part of the living process. To this end we are partnering with community organizations, faith communities, and professionals in order to bring an increased awareness and an opportunity for dialogue, discussion, and education on these important issues.

Vision

Seriously ill and dying persons in San Diego County will have access to service ministering to their physical, emotional, spiritual, and social needs. Residents of San Diego County will have had conversations with their families and physicians about end-of-life wishes and there will be systems in place to ensure the documentation, communication, and honoring of those wishes across all settings.



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Accomplishments

- ◉ Monthly public meetings with educational presentations on end-of-life topics.
- ◉ Coalition website with links to resources and educational materials, as well as community calendars listing events and opportunities in local area.
- ◉ Speakers bureau providing free educational presentations on a wide variety of topics for professional and lay audiences.
- ◉ Annual participation in National Healthcare Decisions Day with innovative events and presentations.
- ◉ Providing resource booths at many public community events throughout the year.