



## Why Should We Start an End-of-Life Coalition?

Provided by:  
**Caring Connections**  
[www.Caringinfo.org](http://www.Caringinfo.org)  
800.658.8898

Support for **Caring Connections** was provided by a grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Princeton, New Jersey.

*The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast  
Copyright Statement  
March 2005*

Permission to copy or disseminate The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast materials, either print or electronic, or any form whatsoever, is granted when the following conditions are met:

- *copies are not made or distributed for commercial resale,*
- *the purpose and character of use are for non-profit educational purposes only,*
- *The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast copyright statement, including date, appears on the reproduced materials, and*
- *notice is given that copying is by permission of The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast.*

*To disseminate otherwise, or to republish, requires written permission of The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast.*

## Why Should We Start an End-of-Life Coalition?

### **Groups can accomplish more than individuals (or individual agencies)!**

Working together your coalition can accomplish more than any single entity can alone. Coalitions benefit from pooling staff, financial, and in-kind resources to accomplish goals.

### **Coalition members learn more about services and programs provided by other coalition agencies.**

Coalition partners learn much more about the services and resources of partner organizations than they could in a single outreach visit or educational program. Coalition members can share detailed information with one another about programs and services and learn more in-depth about each other.

### **Community collaborations impress stakeholders and funders.**

Coalitions can also garner broader support than individual agencies. Community collaborations are attractive to funders looking to have an impact in the broader community.

### **Coalitions create ownership of community concerns.**

Coalitions can work together to identify gaps in service delivery and develop inter-agency solutions for community issues. Often barriers to service delivery are overcome when multiple agencies work together to eliminate them.

### **Coalitions empower consumers to become involved in improving end-of-life care and services.**

Consumers often feel disenfranchised by the healthcare system. A coalition of consumers and providers benefits both groups as they learn from one another. Coalitions can tackle barriers to service from both sides of the issue.

**Caring Connections**, a program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, can provide assistance to help you start and develop an end-of-life coalition. For more information and resources on coalition building go to [www.Caringinfo.org](http://www.Caringinfo.org) or call 800-658-8898.

***Caring Connections***

800-658-8898

[www.Caringinfo.org](http://www.Caringinfo.org)

Special thanks to The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast for providing this resource.