



Mission

CHOC Children's mission is to nurture, advance and protect the health and well being of children.

History:

For more than 45 years, CHOC Children's has been steadfastly committed to providing the highest quality medical care to children. Affiliated with the University of California, Irvine, our regional pediatric healthcare network includes a state-of-the-art 238-bed main hospital facility in the City of Orange, a hospital-within-a-hospital in Mission Viejo. CHOC also offers many primary and specialty care clinics, over 100 additional programs and services, a pediatric residency program, and four centers of excellence - The CHOC Children's Heart, Cancer, Neuroscience, and Orthopaedic Institutes.

Describe scope of organizations current programs and activities:

As the only pediatric safety-net hospital in the region, CHOC Children's believes that all children deserve access to quality healthcare. Each year, CHOC Children's provides more than 250,000 young people with a full continuum of pediatric specialists, state-of-the-art technology and nationally recognized hospital programs, regardless of their ability to pay. In many cases, CHOC Children's is not just the County's leading provider of primary and specialty pediatric medical services, but the *only* provider.

Home to four Medical Institutes of Excellence, CHOC Children's offers innovative and advanced models of comprehensive care to patients living with pediatric cancer, cardiac conditions, orthopedic injury and illness as well as neurological disorders. Furthermore, recognizing the long-term impact and benefit of investing in community outreach, education and prevention, CHOC Children's diligently prepares and implements community-wide wellness initiatives that reach across socioeconomic and ethnic demographics to provide a broad range of human service initiatives including, abuse prevention, safety education, child development and parent education programs in addition to medical treatment to families in the neediest communities of our region. One of these community outreach programs is our Breathmobile™ mobile asthma clinic.

The Breathmobile® Program

Scope of Service:

- *Provides comprehensive asthma care to children in Orange County
- *Education and training about the management of asthma including the proper use of equipment, medications, asthma/allergy triggers, recognition of symptoms and emergencies
- *Provides a medication sampling program to unfunded patients

Staff Model/Structure:

- *Provides asthma and allergy evaluation by an asthma specialist including comprehensive history, physical exam, breathing tests and limited skin tests
- *Each of the 2 mobile clinics is also supported by an LVN an RN Educator, and a Driver/Patient Service Representative
- *Each week a Pharmacy Resident also attends the clinic to provide medication administration education to families
- *The program also has a home visit program for high risk families

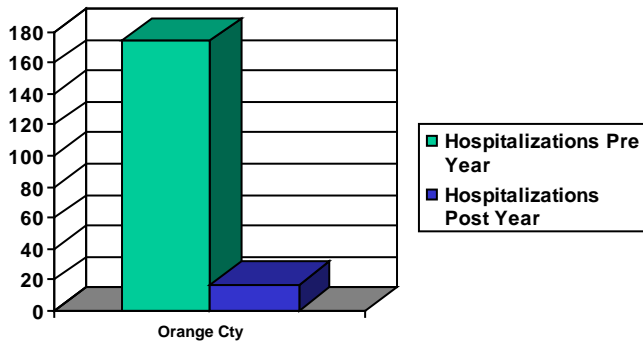
Types of Locations:

- *The CHOC Breathmobile visits 16 schools and 4 community centers and 3 clinics on a rotating schedule every 4 to 6 weeks

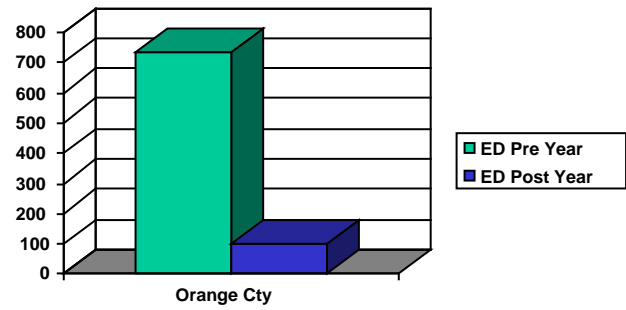
Program Outcomes:

- *We have seen over 3,400 patients and provided over 12,500 visits to children at 24 different sites in Orange County
- *Accomplished significant reduction in emergency room visits and hospitalizations after children have had three visits with the Breathmobile®
- *Accomplished significant reduction in school absenteeism after three visits in the program

Impact on Hospitalizations



Impact on Emergency Room Visits



The Breathmobile® Program has monitored highly significant reductions in hospitalizations (approximately 85% reduction, Figure 1) and emergency room visits (approximately 86% reduction, Figure 2)



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