Contact & Communication
Pre-sedation contact methods at 50 programs performing outpatient, non-emergency procedures include:
- 48 programs use phone calls
- 15 programs use mail
- 14 programs use via referring provider
- 6 programs use email

Patent & Family Centered Experience, Effectiveness, & Equitable Care of SPS Institutional Member Programs

**Child Life Specialists**
At SPS member institutions are present for:

- 21% All sedation encounters
- 42% >50% of sedation encounters
- 27% <50% of sedation encounters
- 10% No sedation encounters (no child life available)

Child life specialists are part of the sedation service at 27 of 52 programs.

50% of programs offer specific processes, locations, and/or staff for children with autism and other developmental or behavioral differences.

**Grouping Multiple Procedures**
75% of SPS institutional member programs have specific mechanisms to group multiple sedated procedures together when possible.

**Measures of Sedation Effectiveness of 52 Programs**
- 31 have institutional definition of effective sedation
- 22 use sedation effectiveness score
- 21 target 100% sedation effectiveness
- 25 survey parents about sedation effectiveness
- 8 survey proceduralist about sedation effectiveness

**Comfort Measures & Education**
SPS programs offer a variety of comfort measures to decrease pain associated with minor procedures.

- Nitrous oxide
- Needleless SQ lidocaine
- Vapocoolant spray
- Topical anesthetic creams
- Local vibration techniques
- Hypnosis/guided imagery
- Sucrose
- Distraction
- Comfort positioning

SPS programs utilize a variety of methods to educate staff, patients, and families about comfort techniques.

- Unit meetings
- Educational modules
- Posters
- Mentoring programs
- Patient Mentoring programs
- Conversations with care teams
- Institutional advertisements
- Informational videos