

S.E.A.S. Program **(Student Education And Support)**

Is your child or student returning to school after being absent for an extended period of time due to illness? While this is an exciting milestone in treatment, it can also be difficult and scary. At CHOC we care about making this transition as smooth as possible. We offer school or classroom presentations with these goals in mind:

- To help students and teachers understand what the child has experienced and provide opportunities to learn about the illness and the hospital.
- To offer the child the chance to “be the expert” and talk about his or her experience and answer questions (if the child is comfortable doing this).
- To clear up misconceptions and rumors as well as encourage classmates to be supportive.

These presentations are given by CHOC Child Life staff. Child Life Specialists have backgrounds in Child Development and are certified to work with hospitalized children. Staff will use age appropriate videos, books, pictures/illustrations, etc. all geared toward helping students understand their classmate’s situation in a non-threatening way. If you have questions or are interested in a presentation please contact Christy Campo at 714) 532-8473.

