

PATRICIA WEINER - BIOGRAPHY

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Patricia Weiner, MS currently serves as a mentor to graduate students at Bank Street College of Education in the Child Life Program. She developed the Neonatal Intensive Care (NICU) Workshops for the Annual Infancy Institute.

She is an educational specialist for the Making Headway Foundation, a Not-For-Profit organization, dedicated to providing care, comfort, and cure of children with brain or spinal cord tumors. She is a member of a team of specialists who provide on-going care when children return home. She is also a clinician in private practice.

Patty Weiner is the author of, "Taking Your Child to the Doctor or the Hospital: *Helpful suggestions and practical tips to make your child's visit more comfortable.*"

She was invited to write a grant proposal for the New York City Department of Education, Special Education Initiatives in collaboration with Bank Street College of Education, consulted to the Starlight- Starbright Foundation on a video for, 'Coping Techniques and Preschoolers', and has been invited to write chapters in three child life text books.

As one of the co-founders of Project DOCC: Delivery of Chronic Care, a medical education program, which teaches individuals about chronic illness, and its impact on children, families and communities, she serves as a consultant and is a member of the Advisory Board. Project DOCC is in over 25 hospitals coast to coast.

Patricia Weiner is also the recipient of several awards including the Service Award for "Improving the Quality of Life for Chronically Ill Children and Their Families" presented by the Parents of the Long Island Network for Children with Special Health Care Needs. In addition, she also received the "Joan Wald Baker" award for Advocacy and Educational Practice from the Council for Exceptional Children, Division of Physical and Health Disabilities. She is also the first child life specialist to be featured in the Starlight newsletter of NY * NJ* CT for 'Making a Difference'.

Mrs. Weiner has had a career that spans over forty years including working as the founding Director of the Child Life Master's Degree Program at Bank Street College of Education, where she developed the (NICU) certificate program, Director of the Child Life Program at Schneider Children's Hospital, Coordinator of the Child Life Program and Educational Services at North Shore University Hospital, a special education preschool teacher, a child life specialist, and an educational consultant specializing in children with special healthcare needs.

Patricia Weiner has presented numerous times on the local, state and national level about the NICU, educational advocacy, the impact of chronic illness on children and families, the use of coping techniques to reduce pain during medical visits and helped to bring child life services to the (NICU) at North Shore University Hospital.

Patty is an excellent blog contributor for Mommybites, which provides parenting resources, support and education. Patty's work has been presented in a variety of professional forums and publications.

She holds her MS in Special Education and is permanently licensed in early childhood, elementary education, and special education and is a child life specialist.