



The Cradle to Grave Program

Cradle to Grave Program Visitor Information



About the Cradle to Grave Program

Cradle to Grave offers a rare glimpse into the gritty reality of gun violence by showing young people the bloody and permanent side of violence.

Over the course of two hours, program participants are immersed in the last 15 minutes of the life of someone they can relate to – a 16-year-old boy named Lamont Adams who arrives at Temple University Hospital's ER, his body fatally riddled with 24 gunshot wounds.

This award-winning program starts in a trauma bay similar to the one Lamont was rushed into. Students “meet” Lamont through photographs and recorded family recollections then watch as a doctor places 24 stickers, one by one, across the body of a volunteer who lies in Lamont's place on a gurney. Each sticker represents a bullet wound. They listen to the descriptions of the devastating wounds caused by the bullets, and hear in graphic detail how the trauma surgeons fought to save his life.

From the trauma bay, the students proceed to a classroom where both an educational and introspective component occurs. The issue of inner-city violence, specifically gun violence, is framed. Pictures illustrating the destructive results of firearm injury are displayed. The students are also asked, “Who would you die for?” and “How much is your life worth?”

After much discussion and contemplation, the program concludes in Temple's morgue...Lamont's last stop. Participants are asked to list on toe tags the names of people who would miss them if they were to become the victims of violence.

It is this forum for thought-provoking discussion that sets our program apart. We strive to provide young people with actual strategies they can use to make better decisions, resolve conflicts using non-violent means, and ultimately avoid becoming victims themselves.



Dr. Amy Goldberg, Temple University Hospital's Chief of Trauma Surgery, demonstrating some of the medical interventions commonly performed on gunshot wound patients.

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Important Information for the day of your visit

Thank you for your interest in the Temple University Hospital's Cradle to Grave (C2G) program. Since 2006, more than 3,000 youth from throughout the Philadelphia region have participated in this award-winning violence prevention program. Based on these experiences, we are offering some answers to frequently asked questions.

What do I need to bring on the day of the trip?

The only thing you will need to bring are the parent **permission slips**.

Where will I need to go once I arrive?

Most groups who come by school bus or public transportation will want to come to the Main Entrance at the corner of Broad and Ontario streets (referred to as the Broad Street entrance). If you are arriving by private vehicle/van, you can park in the parking structure behind the hospital on Ontario Street (in this case, you can use the entrance closest to the parking structure -- referred to as the Ontario Street Entrance -- to enter the hospital). In either case, **notify the information desk** of your arrival and they will page the Cradle to Grave staff. * *Please refer to the map on the following page.*

How long does the program take?

The program typically runs **two hours**.

Are there things I can do to prepare my students/youth?

There are a number of ways that you can improve the likelihood that the young participants will get the most out of the experience. Among them are:

- Do your best to make sure participants **eat something** before attending the program.
- Have participants **leave cell phones** on the bus or at the facility. It will be necessary to have all cell phones turned off during the visit as they are prohibited in the areas of the hospital participants will visit.
- Encourage participants to **avoid wearing heavy** clothing as the warmth of the trauma bays seems to contribute to fainting.
- Have a conversation** with participating youth prior to their visit about what they are likely to experience, including graphic images and frank discussions they may find emotionally upsetting.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

If you have any further questions regarding your upcoming visit, you can contact **Scott Charles at (215) 707-8398** or by e-mail at scott.charles@tuhs.temple.edu

INFORMATION

Temple University Hospital is located at 3401 N. Broad Street at the corner of Broad and Ontario streets. **The program takes place in the Rock Pavilion Inpatient Tower.** The main phone number for the hospital is (215) 707-2000.



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For step-by-step driving directions to Temple University Hospital from your specific address, please [click here](#).



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Parent Permission Slip

The parent permission form on the following page is required for every student who will attend the program. You do not need to return them in advance but you do need to return them on the day of your visit. Simply fill in the date of your anticipated visit, photocopy the forms and distribute them to participants so they can have them signed by a parent or guardian.



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Parent Information and Consent Form

On _____, your student is invited to participate in Temple University Hospital's *Cradle to Grave* violence prevention program in which s/he will be escorted throughout the hospital by trauma outreach coordinator Scott Charles and other medical personnel. During this program, students will:

- Visit a trauma bay in the emergency department, where a trauma surgeon will guide students through the procedures commonly conducted while treating the more than 400 gunshot victims that Temple University Hospital sees each year;
- Participate in an interactive discussion with Mr. Charles, in which they will be asked to interpret the violent messages to which they are exposed through music, television and, ultimately, their communities;
- Enter the hospital's morgue, where they will be asked to reflect on the fragile nature of life and to consider that this is where participants in disputes – both large and small – often end up; and
- Hear from the families of murder victims who will discuss the struggle to go on after losing loved ones to violence.

Throughout this visit, students will be exposed to graphic images and language, and encounter strong emotions. It is not the intent of this program to upset or frighten students, but rather to provide them an honest and unrestricted look into the consequences of violence that is, on balance, as compelling as the uncensored messages they often receive – through popular media and in their communities – which can foster callous attitudes and violent behavior. It is our hope that after participating in this program, students will be less likely to place themselves in situations in which they might become either the victims or perpetrators of violence.

By signing below, I am agreeing to allow my student to participate in the “Cradle to Grave” program.

Student's Name: _____ Parent's Name: _____

(Parent's Signature)

(Date)

If you have any questions regarding the Cradle to Grave program, feel free to contact Scott Charles, trauma outreach coordinator, Temple University Hospital at (215) 707-8398

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Participant Log

We are asking that you provide us the names of the young people who you anticipate attending the program on the day of your visit. Completing this log will not only help you keep track of parent permission slips, it will also help us keep track of students who have participated in the program. We are asking that you fax the completed log two days before your visit. It can be faxed to (215) 707-0609

TO BE COMPLETED AND FAXED TO (215) 707-0609 AT LEAST 48 HRS BEFORE YOUR VISIT

School/Organization: _____

Date of Visit: _____

Adults Who Will Attend: _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____



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Anticipated Participants

	NAME	STUDENT ID	PERMISSION SLIP COMPLETED?		PREVIOUS C2G PARTICIPATION?	
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Evaluation Form

The participant evaluation form on the following page does not need to be filled out until after your visit. The form is intended to capture the information that most resonated with our visitors. Please have each participating youth from your group complete the forms and return them to us when they are done. They can be mailed to:

Scott Charles
Trauma Outreach Coordinator
Temple University Hospital
3401 N. Broad Street
9th Floor Rock Pavilion
Philadelphia, PA 19140

