

**Dr. Sarah Friebert** is founder and director of the Haslinger Family Pediatric Palliative Care Center, as well as the Emily Cooper Welty Expressive Therapy Center at Akron Children’s Hospital. A graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Dr. Friebert completed residency in pediatrics at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology at Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital. Under her direction, the Haslinger Center features an accredited palliative care fellowship program and previously achieved Advanced Certification in Palliative Care from The Joint Commission. The team she leads offers physical, psychosocial, emotional and spiritual support as they serve children with serious conditions and their families in inpatient, outpatient, and home and community settings; in addition to clinical care, the Center is active in education, outreach, advocacy and research.

Dr. Friebert is also the founding Director of the Addiction Services Program, which is tasked with addressing addiction across the Akron Children's Hospital enterprise, in collaboration with community resources. She is Professor of Pediatrics at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED), where she is a founding member of the Office of Palliative Care and active in medical student education. Board certified in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Dr. Friebert is past president of Akron Children’s Hospital’s medical staff and the inaugural chair holder of the Sarah Elizabeth Friebert Pediatric Palliative Care Endowed Chair. She is a founding member of the Office of Palliative Care at NEOMED; inaugural holder of the Sarah Elizabeth Friebert Pediatric Palliative Care Endowed Chair; and the founder, past chair, and an ongoing member of the Ohio Pediatric Palliative and End-of-Life Care Network (OPPEN).

She is the author of multiple articles and book chapters; and an active research scientist, serving as program director for palliative care research at the Rebecca D. Considine Research Institute, She was co-principal investigator for a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Health Care Innovation Award examining care coordination for children with complex medical conditions. Currently, Dr. Friebert is principal investigator on multiple palliative care-related research initiatives, including a multi-site study on adolescent advance care planning funded through the National Institute of Nursing Research/National Institutes of Health (NINR/NIH). Outside of Akron Children’s Hospital, she is active in multiple local, regional, state and national educational, philanthropic and palliative care organizations.