

# Children's Blood & Cancer Resource Directory

## Oncology/Cancer

### Information and Support Resources (Local and National)

[American Cancer Society](http://www.cancer.org) (ACS)  
[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) **800-227-2345**

For 100 year, ACS has been fighting back against cancer, finding cures, and helping people stay well. Site is a great resource for cancer facts & statistics, treatments, and other news about cancer, as well as opportunities to join programs and events.

[American Society of Clinical Oncology](http://www.cancer.net) (ASCO)  
[www.cancer.net](http://www.cancer.net) **888-651-3038**

ASCO provides information ranging from cancer types coping, survivorship, advocacy and policy, as well as providing access to publications and resources. Site also provides information in Spanish.

[Association of Cancer Online Resources](http://www.acor.org) (ACOR)  
[www.acor.org](http://www.acor.org) **212-226-5525**

ACOR is a large collection of cancer-related online email lists which deliver millions of email messages to subscribers across the globe. Site provides information and support to cancer patients and caregivers.

[Cancer Care](http://www.cancercare.org)  
[www.cancercare.org](http://www.cancercare.org) **800-813-HOPE (4673)**

CancerCare® is the national leader in providing professional services to help people manage the emotional and financial challenges of cancer. Services include counseling, support groups, workshops, as well as providing access to publications and community programs. Site also provides information in Spanish.

[Cancer Legal Resource Center](http://www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org/cancer-legal-resource-center) (CLRC)  
<http://www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org/cancer-legal-resource-center>  
**866-999-CLRC (3752)**

The CLRC, a joint program of Disability Rights Legal Center and Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, provides information and education about cancer-related legal issues to the public through its national telephone assistance line.

[Cancer Support Community Central Texas](http://www.cscct.org) (CSCCT)  
[www.cscct.org](http://www.cscct.org) **512-358-9876**

CSCCT's mission addresses the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) key finding that social and emotional support is as important as medical care in the face of a cancer diagnosis. Planned programs support patients, caregivers, and family members through diagnosis and active treatment to survivorship.

[Children's Brain Tumor Foundation](http://www.cbtf.org) (CBTF)  
[www.cbtf.org](http://www.cbtf.org) **866-228-4673**

CBTF is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the treatment, quality of life, and the long term outlook for children with brain and spinal cord tumors. The organization provides research, support, education, and advocacy to families and survivors.

[CureSearch](http://www.curesearch.org)  
[www.curesearch.org](http://www.curesearch.org) **800-458-6223**

CureSearch is a national non-profit foundation whose mission is to fund and support innovative children's cancer research and be the authoritative source of information and resources for all those affected by children's cancer. Site also provides information in Spanish.

[Fertile Hope](http://www.fertilehope.org) (Contact social worker if financial assistance is needed)  
[www.fertilehope.org](http://www.fertilehope.org) **855-220-7777**

Fertile Hope is a national **LIVESTRONG** initiative dedicated to providing reproductive information, support, and hope to cancer patients and survivors whose medical treatments present the risk of infertility.

### **Hair Loss (Contact Child Life Specialist for list of resources)**

[Imerman Angels](http://www.Imermanangels.org)  
[www.Imermanangels.org](http://www.Imermanangels.org) **877-274-5529**

Imerman Angels is a free personalized matching service that connects cancer fighters, survivors, and caregivers. Services are available to anyone at any age or living anywhere in the world who is touched by any type of cancer at any stage or level.

[National Cancer Institute](http://www.cancer.gov) (NCI)  
[www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov) **800-4-CANCER (422-6237)**

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which is one of 11 agencies that compose the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The NCI coordinates the National Cancer Program, which conducts and supports research, training, health information dissemination, and other programs with respect to the cause, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of cancer, rehabilitation from cancer, and the continuing care of cancer patients and their families. Site also provides information in Spanish.

[National Institutes of Health](http://www.nih.gov) (NIH)  
[www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov) **800-4-CANCER (422-6237)**

The National Institute of Health (NIH), a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is the nation's medical research agency that is making important discoveries to improve health and save lives. Site also provides information in Spanish.

[Patient Advocate Foundation \(PAF\)](http://www.patientadvocate.org)  
[www.patientadvocate.org](http://www.patientadvocate.org) **800-532-5274**

PAF is a non-profit organization which provides professional case management services to Americans with chronic, life threatening, and debilitating illnesses. PAF seeks to safeguard patients through effective mediation, assuring access to care, maintenance of employment, and preservation of financial stability. Site also provides information in Spanish.

[The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](http://www.lls.org) (LLS)  
[www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org) **800-955-4572**

LLS is the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer. LLS funds lifesaving blood cancer research around the world and provides free information and support services. Site also provides information in Spanish.

[The Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services \(DARS\)](http://www.dars.state.tx.us)  
[www.dars.state.tx.us](http://www.dars.state.tx.us) **800-628-5115**

DARS administers programs to ensure that Texans with disabilities and children with developmental delays enjoy the same opportunities as other Texans to live independent and productive lives. Site also provides information in Spanish.

## **Wish Foundations (Contact your psychosocial staff for more information)**

### **Financial Resources**

[National Children's Cancer Society \(NCCS\)](http://www.thenccs.org)  
[www.thenccs.org](http://www.thenccs.org) **314-241-1000**

The NCCSA serves as a financial, emotional, and educational resource for families in need at every stage of their child's cancer and recovery.

### **Insurance and Funding Resources**

[Family and Medical Leave Act \(FMLA\)](http://www.dol.gov/whd/fmla/index.htm)  
[www.dol.gov/whd/fmla/index.htm](http://www.dol.gov/whd/fmla/index.htm) **866-4-USA-DOL (866-487-2365)**

The FMLA entitles eligible employees of covered employers to take unpaid, job-protected leave for specified family and medical reasons while keeping group health insurance coverage under the same terms and conditions as if employees had not taken leave. Site also provides information in Spanish.

[insure -a-kid](http://www.insureakid.org) (contact social worker for insurance questions and or issues)  
[www.insureakid.org](http://www.insureakid.org) **512-324-CHIP (2447)**

insure-a-kid helps families apply for health care coverage programs for their children. Site also provides information in Spanish.

[Supplemental Security Income \(SSI\)](http://www.ssa.gov/ssi)  
[www.ssa.gov/ssi](http://www.ssa.gov/ssi) **800-772-1213**

SSi is a federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues. This site explains benefit eligibility, SSI law and regulations, and provides other general information and resources. Site also provides information in Spanish.

### **Teens and Young Adults**

[Look Good Feel Better](http://www.lookgoodfeelbetter.org)  
[www.lookgoodfeelbetter.org](http://www.lookgoodfeelbetter.org) **800-395-LOOK (5665)**

Look Good Feel Better is a non-medical, public service program that teaches beauty techniques to cancer patients to help them manage the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment. Site also provides information in Spanish.

[LIVESTRONG](http://www.livestrong.org)  
[www.livestrong.org](http://www.livestrong.org) **877-236-8820**

**LIVESTRONG** unites, inspires and empowers people affected by cancer. Site provides articles, videos, and many other cancer support resources in both English and Spanish.

#### [Next Step](#)

[www.nextstepnet.org](http://www.nextstepnet.org)    **617-864-2921**

The Next Step mission is to shatter limitations and elevate aspirations of teens and young adults living with life-threatening diseases. Next Step programs empower young people with tools and knowledge needed to begin asking “what’s next?” instead of “why me?”

#### [Seton Cancer Survivor Center](#) (For adolescents and young adults)

[www.seton.net/locations/cancer\\_survivor\\_center](http://www.seton.net/locations/cancer_survivor_center)    **512-324-9652**

The Seton Cancer Survivor Center offers medical examinations to monitor for treatment late effects, as well as educational and support programs to address the long-term physical and emotional needs of adolescents and young adult cancer survivors.

#### [Starbright World](#) (part of [Starlight Children’s Foundation](#))

[www.starlight.org/starbright-world](http://www.starlight.org/starbright-world)    **310-479-1212**

Starbright World is the first-ever online social network for teens with chronic and life-threatening medical conditions and their siblings. Members connect globally with others experiencing similar medical journeys. Powered by Startlight Children’s Foundation, all content in Starbright World is moderated by adults at all times.

#### [Teens Living with Cancer](#) (TLC)

[www.teenslivingwithcancer.org](http://www.teenslivingwithcancer.org)    **585-563-6221**

TLC is dedicated to teens living with cancer and provides resource links and cancer facts and information on coping with cancer and staying healthy. Site is available in multiple languages including Spanish.

### **Online services for families to share news, updates, and photos**

#### [CarePages](#)

[www.carepages.com](http://www.carepages.com)    **888-852-5521**

CarePages websites are free patient blogs that connect friends and family during a health challenge.

#### [CaringBridge](#)

[www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org)    **651-789-2300**

CaringBridge is a nonprofit organization which offers protected websites to connect people when it matters most. CaringBridge serves more than 500,000 people each day. Site also provides information in Spanish.

### **For Siblings**

#### [SuperSibs!](#)

[www.supersibs.org](http://www.supersibs.org)    **847-462-4732**

*SuperSibs!* is a national nonprofit organization ensuring that siblings of children with cancer are honored, supported, and recognized so they may face the future with strength, courage, and

hope. The organization offers a variety of programs including comfort and care services, grief support, and outreach and education.

## **Camps (Contact Child Life Specialist for list of camps)**

### **Bereavement/Grief & Loss**

[For the Love of Christi](#)

[www.fortheloveofchristi.org](http://www.fortheloveofchristi.org) **512-467-2600**

For the Love of Christi offers hope after the death of a loved one by providing support networks, community education, and therapeutic activities that are free, peer-based, and ongoing.

[Hospice Austin](#)

[www.hospiceaustin.org](http://www.hospiceaustin.org) **512-342-4700**

Hospice Austin is a nonprofit organization that eases the physical, emotional, and spiritual pain of any person in the community facing the final months of a serious illness by providing expert and compassionate care, education, and bereavement support.

[My Healing Place](#)

[www.myhealingplace.org](http://www.myhealingplace.org) **512-472-7878**

My Healing Place is a non-profit organization focused on grief and trauma with the mission to assist children and adults as they move from loss to a full life through therapy, support, education, training, and consultation.