

## RESOURCES TO HELP CHILDREN WITH CANCER



There are many resources to help children with cancer return to school. The resources listed here can help you get started. Be sure to reach out to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for more information and support.

### Organizations

#### **The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS)**

The Information Resource Center (IRC)  
800-955-4572 (Monday through Friday,  
9 AM to 6 PM eastern time) [www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org)

Committed to providing information, support, and guidance to people living with blood cancers and to the health professionals involved in their care. The LLS provides ongoing educational programs, printed materials, and videos for children, parents, and educators. Services include the IRC, a call center staffed with social workers, nurses, and health educators who offer callers up-to-date, accurate disease-related information. Includes a network of chapters throughout the United States and Canada. To locate a chapter near you, visit the Web site or call the toll-free number.

#### **Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF)**

512-236-8820 [www.livestrong.org](http://www.livestrong.org)

Inspires and empowers people affected by cancer. Helps people with cancer focus on living. Believes unity is strength, knowledge is power, and attitude is everything. Provides the practical information and tools people with cancer need to live life on their own terms. Serves its mission through advocacy, public health, and research.

#### **LIVESTRONG™ SurvivorCare**

866-235-7205 (9 AM to 5 PM eastern time)  
[www.livestrong.org/survivorcare](http://www.livestrong.org/survivorcare)

This LAF program helps cancer survivors and family members face the everyday challenges of cancer survivorship through emotional support; individual counseling; and assistance with financial, legal, and/or insurance issues and matching to clinical trials.

#### **Cancervive®, Inc.**

310-203-9232 [www.cancervive.org](http://www.cancervive.org)

Dedicated to helping cancer survivors reenter school or the workplace. Cancervive offers books and videos for adults, teens, and children; an “Ask the Expert” e-mail for legal questions; and a listing of scholarships for cancer survivors.

#### **Candlelighters® Childhood Cancer Foundation**

800-366-2223 [www.candlelighters.org](http://www.candlelighters.org)

Offers support, education, and advocacy for children and adolescents with cancer, survivors of childhood cancer, their families, and the professionals who care for them.

#### **CureSearch**

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

Represents the Children’s Oncology Group (COG) and the National Childhood Cancer Foundation (NCCF).

Supports lifesaving research and helps raise awareness of the importance of cancer clinical trials. Provides online information on types of childhood cancer and treatments.

#### **Learning Disabilities Association of America**

412-341-1515 [www.ldanatl.org](http://www.ldanatl.org)

Started by parents, the association offers parents information on learning disabilities, negotiating the special education process, and helping your child and yourself. Includes an online training course about the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

#### **National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities**

800-695-0285 [www.nichcy.org](http://www.nichcy.org)

Provides information on childhood disabilities, the laws protecting children’s rights, and research-based educational practices.

#### **Surviving and Moving Forward:**

#### **The SAMFund for Young Adult Survivors of Cancer**

[www.thesamfund.org](http://www.thesamfund.org)

Helps support young adult cancer survivors in the transition from high school to college. Offers financial assistance through grants and scholarships.

#### **The Starbright Foundation**

800-315-2580 [www.starbright.org](http://www.starbright.org)

Creates innovative, media-based programs that help seriously ill children and teens better cope with their disease — and enhance their quality of life. Offers free CD-ROMs and online communities of information and support for kids and parents.

#### **The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults**

888-393-FUND (888-393-3863) [www.ulmanfund.org](http://www.ulmanfund.org)

Addresses areas of cancer support, advocacy, and education for young adults dealing with cancer. Connects young adults affected by cancer. Offers financial assistance through grants and college scholarships.

### Books and pamphlets

To obtain a copy of these materials, go to the Web site or call the telephone number provided. If only a publisher is listed, you can obtain a copy through your local bookstore.

#### **For children and teens**

**The Human Body: An Illustrated Guide to Its Structure, Function, and Disorders** — big, colorful book that helps children learn about their bodies. Useful tool for classroom presentations. Available from DK Publishing Inc.

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*The Jester Lost His Jingle* by David Saltzman — a story about finding laughter and happiness inside oneself to help get through challenging times such as a cancer diagnosis. Useful tool for classroom presentations. Published by Jester Books.

*What Is Cancer Anyway? Explaining Cancer to Children of All Ages* by Karen L. Carney — in simple terms, provides basic information about cancer in a reassuring way. Published by Dragonfly.

### **For parents and teachers**

*100 Questions & Answers About Your Child's Cancer* by William L. Carroll. Published by Jones & Bartlett Publishers, Inc.

*Cancervive Parent's and Teacher's Guide for Kids With Cancer* — explains social and academic challenges childhood cancer survivors face and outlines strategies for successful school reintegration. Available from [www.cancervive.org](http://www.cancervive.org).

*Childhood Cancer Survivors: A Practical Guide to Your Future* by Nancy Keene, Wendy Hobbie, and Kathy Ruccione. Published by O'Reilly & Associates, Inc.

*Childhood Leukemia: A Guide for Families, Friends, & Caregivers* by Nancy Keene. Available from [www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org).

*Educating the Child With Cancer: A Guide for Parents and Teachers* by Nancy Keene. Available from [www.candlelighters.org](http://www.candlelighters.org).

*Living With Childhood Cancer: A Practical Guide to Help Families Cope* by Leigh A. Woznik and Carol D. Goodheart. Published by the American Psychological Association.

*Our Child Has Cancer: What Do We Do About School?* by Carol Woyak. To order, call 602-300-0831.

*Young People With Cancer — A Handbook for Parents.* Available from [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov).

### **Videos**

*The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society maintains an extensive library of videos. To learn more, contact the LLS. You may also find the following videos useful:*

*Back to School: Teens Prepare for School Re-entry.* Available from [www.starbright.org](http://www.starbright.org).

*Emily's Story: Back to School After Cancer.* Available from [www.cancervive.org](http://www.cancervive.org).

*Making the Grade: Back to School After Cancer for Teens.* Available from [www.cancervive.org](http://www.cancervive.org).

### **Web sites**

*In addition to the Web sites for the organizations listed on this handout, these Web sites may be helpful to you.*

#### **General/Clearinghouse**

[www.acor.org/ped-onc](http://www.acor.org/ped-onc) — Pediatric Oncology Resource Center. A Web site for parents, friends, and families of children who have or have had childhood cancer.

[www.outlook-life.org](http://www.outlook-life.org) — Outlook-Life Beyond Childhood Cancer. Provides advocacy and information to help childhood cancer survivors and their families confront issues related to their experience after treatment has ended.

[www.survivorshipguidelines.org](http://www.survivorshipguidelines.org) — published by CureSearch. Provides guidelines for the screening and management of late effects related to cancer treatment. Intended for healthcare providers.

[www.utexas.edu/cee/dec/k12](http://www.utexas.edu/cee/dec/k12) — kindergarten through 12th-grade distance education center serving Texas students who want or need an educational alternative; similar programs may be available in other states.

[www.cbtf.org/school.html](http://www.cbtf.org/school.html) — Children's Brain Tumor Foundation. Provides information on returning to school.

#### **Legal**

[www.wrightslaw.com](http://www.wrightslaw.com) — up-to-date information about special education law and advocacy for children with disabilities.

[www.fetaweb.com](http://www.fetaweb.com) — a companion site to [wrightslaw.com](http://wrightslaw.com). Teaches effective advocacy skills. Highlights common pitfalls that prevent parents from successfully advocating for their children's rights.

#### **Resources for children and teens**

[www.cancersourcekids.com](http://www.cancersourcekids.com) — a site where kids can learn about cancer in a fun, interactive way. Developed in partnership with the Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses. Site has games, stories, and coping strategies.

[www.grouploop.org](http://www.grouploop.org) — sponsored by The Wellness Community. Provides online support, information, and resources for teens with cancer and their parents.

[www.lehman.cuny.edu/faculty/jfleitas/bandaides/stories.html](http://www.lehman.cuny.edu/faculty/jfleitas/bandaides/stories.html) — features stories from children, teens, and siblings about living with serious illness.

[www.planetcancer.org](http://www.planetcancer.org) — Planet Cancer offers online support and resources for young adults with cancer.

[www.teenslivingwithcancer.org](http://www.teenslivingwithcancer.org) — sponsored by Melissa's Living Legacy Foundation. Offers teens a place to get cancer facts, connect with others, and share stories of hope and inspiration.