Resources for Children and Young Adults & Cancer

**National Organizations**

**American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry**  
3615 Wisconsin Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. 20016-3007  
202-966-7300  
[www.aacap.org](http://www.aacap.org)  
(Child and adolescent psychiatrist finder and other resources for youth and families)

**American Cancer Society**  
800-227-2345  
[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)  
(Programs and services including a national telephone resource directory, emotional support, free lodging and transportation assistance)

**American Childhood Cancer Organization**  
6868 Distribution Drive, Beltsville, MD 20705  
301-962-3520 or 855-858-2226  
[http://www.acco.org](http://www.acco.org)  
(Support networks, specialized programs, and other resources to help families cope with medical, emotional, and psychological repercussions of childhood cancer)

**CancerCare**  
275 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10001  
800-813-4673  
[https://www.cancercare.org/tagged/teens](https://www.cancercare.org/tagged/teens)  
(Free, professional support services including counseling, support groups, educational workshops, publications and financial assistance for cancer patients, caregivers, newly bereaved, and children ages five and up. Requires initial phone call assessment)

**Children’s Cancer Association**  
1200 NW Naito Parkway, Suite 140, Portland, OR 97209  
503-244-3141  
[www.joyrx.org](http://www.joyrx.org)  
(Free programs for children/teens with cancer including bedside musical and digital programs, chemo mentor programs, immersive outdoor adventures, and cabin experiences for families)

**Children’s Cause for Cancer Advocacy**  
1325 G Street, NW Suite 540, Washington, DC 20005  
202-552-7392  
[www.childrenscause.org](http://www.childrenscause.org)  
(Advocates for less toxic and more effective pediatric cancer therapies. Provides family education and advocacy tools)

**Children’s Hospice International (CHI)**  
1800 Diagonal Road, Suite 600  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703-684-0330  
[www.chionline.org](http://www.chionline.org)  
(Advocates for the hospice concept to be an integral part of health care for children and adolescents, rather than a separate specialty)

**CureSearch**  
4600 East-West Highway, Suite 600, Bethesda, MD 20814  
800-458-6223  
[www.curesearch.org](http://www.curesearch.org)  
(Funds research for children’s cancer, provides resources to help understand children’s cancer, palliative care, informed consent, and clinical trials)

**Kidzcope, Inc.**  
9415 E Harry, Suite 501, Wichita, KS 67207  
316-263-3335  
[www.kidzcope.org](http://www.kidzcope.org)  
(Helps children and families understand cancer, provides suggestions for coping, website includes downloadable materials)

**Livestrong Foundation**
Look Good, Feel Better  
800-395-LOOK  
(Helps teens ages 13-17 deal with the appearance, health, and social side effects of cancer treatment, also offers on-site group sessions in several hospitals across the U.S.)

**National Cancer Institute**  
Pediatric Oncology Branch  
877-624-4878 or 240-760-6560  
[https://ccr.cancer.gov/pediatric-oncology-branch](https://ccr.cancer.gov/pediatric-oncology-branch)  
(Clinical research center, offers support services for children and their families)

**National Children’s Cancer Society**  
500 North Broadway, Suite 1850, St. Louis, MO 63102  
314- 241-1600 or 800-532-6459  
[www.thenccs.org](http://www.thenccs.org/)  
(Financial assistance, transportation to and from treatment, meals, lodging. Child must be diagnosed on or before his/her 18th birthday)

**Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation**  
17932 Sky Park Circle, Suite E, Irvine, CA 92614  
800-354-7273  
[www.pcrf-kids.org](http://www.pcrf-kids.org)  
(Reviews current research being conducted for childhood cancer)

**The Ulman Foundation**  
1215 East Fort Avenue, Suite 104, Baltimore, MD 21230  
410-964-0202 or 888-393-3863  
[www.ulmanfoundation.org](http://www.ulmanfoundation.org)  
(Support for young adults ages 15 to 39 and their family, household assistance such as cleaning and home repairs in the Maryland and Washington, DC area. Scholarships to help young adults continue their education after being affected by cancer)

**Wigs for Kids**  
24231 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, OH 44145  
440-333-4433  
[www.wigsforkids.org](http://www.wigsforkids.org)  
(Free wigs for children under 18 years old. Accepts donated hair)

**Websites for Kids**

**13thirty Cancer Connect**  
1000 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620  
585-563-6221  
[http://13thirty.org](http://13thirty.org)  
(Medical explanations, advice on coping with the side effects of cancer and treatment, as well as community support)

**Bandaides & Blackboards**  
[www.lehman.cuny.edu/faculty/jfleitas/bandaides](http://www.lehman.cuny.edu/faculty/jfleitas/bandaides)  
(Website for children, teens, and adults with stories on coping with medical problems, and includes fun things to do)

**Children’s Cancer Web**  
[www.cancerindex.org/ccw/](http://www.cancerindex.org/ccw/)  
(Resources including support groups, kids’ wish organizations, and information about bone marrow transplants)

**Kidsaid**  
P.O. Box 3272, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-3272  
[www.kidsaid.com](http://www.kidsaid.com)  
(Kids’ email support group, resources on coping with grief, a place to share artwork)

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**Organizations Specific to Cancer Type**

**American Brain Tumor Association**
8550 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Suite 550
Chicago, IL 60631
773-577-87500 or 800-866-2282
www.abta.org/
(Resouces for adults, adolescents, and children with a brain tumor diagnosis)

**Young Survival Coalition**
75 Broad Street, Suite 409, New York, NY 10004
877-972-1011
https://www.youngsurvival.org/
(Resouces, connections, and outreach for young women who are diagnosed with breast cancer)

**Transplant Organizations**

**Be The Match**
**National Marrow Donor Program**
500 N. 5th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55401-1206
800-627-7692 or 888-999-6743
https://bethematch.org/
(Print, online, and electronic media information about pediatric transplants)

**Blood & Marrow Transplant Information Network**
1548 Old Skokie Road, Suite 1, Highland Park, IL 60035
888-597-7674 or 847-433-3313
www.bmtinfonet.org
(Emotional support, information, and links to various resources including transplant centers)

**The Bone Marrow Foundation**
515 Madison Avenue, Suite 1130, New York, NY10022
212-838-3029 or 800-365-1336
www.bonemarrow.org
(Financial assistance and free support services to transplant patients and their family)

**Children’s Organ Transplant Association**
2501 West COTA Drive, Bloomington, IN 47403
800-366-2682
www.cota.org
(Fundraising assistance for children 21 and under needing transplants)

**National Foundation for Transplants**
5350 Poplar Avenue, Suite 4850, Memphis, TN 38119
901-684-1697
www.transplants.org
(Fundraising for cost of transplants not covered by insurance, links to prescription assistance, transplant discussion groups, and other information related to transplants)

**Camps, Retreats, & Wishes**

**Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation**
55 West Wacker Drive Suite 1100, Chicago, IL 60601
312-214-1200
www.bearnecessities.org
(Patient and family support programs, special requests and grants)

**Camp Sunshine**
35 Acadia Road, Casco, ME 04015
207-655-3800
www.campsunshine.org
(Week-long retreats for children with serious illnesses and their family)

**Cancer Camp Directory**
(A directory of camps for children with cancer)
Chai Lifeline
151 West 30th Street, New York, NY 10001
212-465-1300 or 877-Chai-Life
www.chailifeline.org
(Emotional, social, psychological, and financial assistance to families living with pediatric illness or loss, including camps and wish trips)

Clayton Dabney Foundation for Kids with Cancer
6500 Greenville Avenue, Suite 342, Dallas, TX 75206
214-361-2600 or 713-488-4096
www.claytondabney.org
(Last wishes and financial assistance to families with children in the last stages of terminal cancer)

The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp
565 Ashford Center Road, Ashford, CT 06278
860-429-3444 or 203-772-0522
www.holeinthewallgang.org
(Residential summer camp and other free year-round programs for children ages 7-15 with cancer and their family)

KidsCamps
900 North Sepulveda Boulevard, El Segundo, CA 90245
877-242-9330
www.kidscamps.com
(Camps for children including oncology camps listed by region and state)

Kids Konnected
1024 Bayside Drive #235, Newport, CA 92660
949-484-9092
https://www.kidskonnected.org/
(Provides friendship, understanding, education, and support for kids, teens, and families through support groups, camps, and family events)

Kids ‘n Kamp
3440 Olentangy River Road, Suite 103
Columbus, OH 43202
614-262-2220
www.kidsnkamp.org
(Cancer programs and services for children focused on emotional, educational and social well-being)

Little Star Foundation
174 Watercolor Way, Suite 103, B343, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459
800-543-6565
www.littlestar.org
(Financial assistance, education, medical support, and other programs including a one-week camp for children with cancer)

Make-A-Wish Foundation of America
1702 East Highland Avenue, Suite 400 Phoenix, AZ 85016
602-279-9474 or 800-722-9474
www.wish.org
(Grants special wishes to children ages 0-18 who have a life-threatening illness)

Nikolas Ritschel Foundation
P.O. Box 8076, Rockford, IL 61126
http://www.nikolasritschelfoundation.org/
(Grants wishes to young adults fighting cancer, ages 18-24)

SeriousFun Camp
228 Saugatuck Avenue, Westport, CT 06880
203-562-1203
https://seriousfunnetwork.org/
(Global network of thirty camps and programs for children and families living with serious illnesses, free of charge)

Starlight Children’s Foundation
2049 Century Park East, Suite 4320, Los Angeles, CA 90067
310-479-1212
www.starlight.org
(Grants wishes for children ages 4-18 with a terminally ill diagnosis)

Sunshine Foundation
101 Lakeside Park, Southampton, PA 18966
215-396-4770
www.sunshinefoundation.org
(Grants wishes to chronically ill and seriously ill children ages 3-18 from limited income families)

Wishing Well Foundation USA
PO Box 1554, Marrero, LA 70073
504-510-5379
http://www.wishingwellusa.org/
(Grants wishes to children ages 3-18 with a terminal or life threatening illness)

Financial Assistance & Scholarships

Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation
111 Presidential Boulevard, Suite 203, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
866-333-1213
http://www.alexslemonade.org/travel-fund
(Financial assistance to families who need to travel for cancer treatment. Must be submitted by a social worker or medical representative)

André Sobel River of Life Foundation
PO Box 69A, West Hollywood, CA 90069
310-276-7111
https://compassioncantwait.org/
(Financial assistance for single parents of children with serious illnesses)

Bold and Brave Kid’s Foundation
7753 Cox Lane Box 27, West Chester, OH 45069
513-360-6687
http://boldandbravekids.org/
(Provides a home for families who bring their children for cancer treatment at the Cincinnati Children’s Proton Therapy Center)

The Boston House
229 Kent Street, Brookline, MA 02446
617-734-3333
www.thebostonhouse.org
(Provides families with low-cost and convenient accommodations in a safe and comfortable home-like setting when receiving treatment at Boston Children’s Hospital and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute’s Jimmy Fund Clinic)

Cancer for College
28465 Old Town Front Street, Suite 315, Temecula, CA 92590
760-599-5096
https://www.cancerforcollege.org/
(College scholarships and professional mentor services to low-income, cancer survivors. Must be enrolled in an accredited college, community college or graduate school)

Cancer Survivors Fund
P.O. Box 792, Missouri City, TX 77459
281-437-7142
www.cancersurvivorsfund.org
(Funds for prosthetic limbs, counseling, and college scholarships to young adults with cancer or survivors of cancer. Must be a cancer survivor or diagnosed with cancer, and does not have to be receiving treatment)

First Hand Foundation
2800 Rockcreek Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64117
816-201-1569
www.firsthandfoundation.org
(Healthcare screenings, financial assistance for medical care, and other programs for low-income families with children ages 0-18)

Miracle Flights for Kids
5740 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 240, Las Vegas, NV 89119
800-359-1711 or 702-261-0494
http://miracleflights.org/
(Financial assistance for medical flights so seriously ill children may receive medical care and second opinions. Subject to household income eligibility with supporting documentation)

The National Children’s Cancer Society
500 North Broadway, Suite 1850, St. Louis, MO 63102
314-241-1600
https://www.thenccs.org/scholarship
(Scholarships for childhood cancer survivors who are under 25 years old and diagnosed before age 18. Must be a U.S. citizen and accepted into a post-secondary school in the U.S.)

The Samfund
89 South Street, Suite LL02, Boston, MA 02111
617-938-3484
www.thesamfund.org
(Direct financial assistance and free online support and education to young adult cancer survivors, includes grants to help pay for cancer-related financial expenses. Must be a U.S. resident, are a cancer survivor between 21 and
39, and either completed treatment or in remission and on long term hormonal therapy)

**United HealthCare Children’s Foundation**
PO Box 41, Minneapolis, MN 55440-0041
855-698-4223
www.uhccf.org
(Assistance with medical expenses that are not covered by insurance for patients 16 and under who have health insurance)

**Resource Guides & Handouts**

**Along Comes Hope**
3940-7 Broad Street, Suite 344, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
805-322-1423
https://alongcomeshope.com/
https://drive.google.com/file/d/12dv0zkBaUQ-DDjdZnYKFVcZxoQFPwpaH/view
(Resource guide for camps, financial assistance, medication assistance, scholarships, school issues, wigs, wishes, and other additional resources)

**Cancer Net**
https://www.cancer.net/navigating-cancer-care/teens
(Resources from the American Society of Clinical Oncology for people living with cancer including teens and children)

**Coalition Against Childhood Cancer**
https://cac2.org/family-resources/
(Hope Portal provides information and support resources for families with childhood cancer)

**Hope 4 Young Adults With Cancer**
PO Box 16091, St. Louis, MO, 63105
http://www.hope4yawc.org/resources-friends-of-hope/
(Provides resources for the young adult cancer community)

**Kids’ Cancer Pages**
(National resource guide for families and caregivers of children and teens with cancer)

**National Cancer Institute**
(A guide for parents who have a child with cancer from the National Cancer Institute)

**Teen Cancer America**
11835 Olympic Boulevard, Suite 265 E, Los Angeles, CA 90064
310-208-0400
https://teencanceramerica.org/news-resources/resources/
(Partners with hospitals throughout the U.S. to develop specialized facilities and services for teens and young adults with cancer. Provides resources that specialize in supporting young adults and teens navigating cancer treatment)

**Young Adult Cancer Connection**
http://yacancerconnection.org/resources/
(Provides connection for young adults ages 18 to 39 through meet ups, conventions, and resources)

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