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This section includes resources for children with cancer and their families, including organizations, websites, and camps and retreats.

American Childhood Cancer Organization [3] is an organization designed to educate and support children with cancer and their families.

Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation [4] is a national organization whose mission is to eliminate pediatric cancer and to provide hope and support to those who are touched by it.

Beyond the Cure [5] is a website from the National Children's Cancer Society created for survivors of childhood cancer.

<u>CancerCare</u> for <u>Kids</u> [6] is a CancerCare program focusing on the particular needs of children and parents.

<u>Children Clinical Studies</u> [7] from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) helps parents and their children understand clinical research.

<u>Children's Brain Tumor Foundation</u> [8] provides information, support, and resources for children with brain and spinal cord tumors.

<u>Children's Hospice International</u> [9] provides a network of support and care for children with life-threatening conditions and their families.

<u>Children's Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation</u> [10] provides educational resources for families of children with neuroblastoma and organizes an annual educational conference for parents and children to connect with other families and top medical experts.

<u>CureSearch for Children's Cancer</u> [11] funds and supports children's cancer research and provides information and resources to anyone affected by children's cancer.

Make-A-Wish Foundation [12] grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions.

<u>Miracle Flights for Kids</u> [13] helps families overcome financial obstacles by flying their seriously ill children to receive proper medical care and to get second opinions.

Neuroblastoma Children's Cancer Society's [14] primary focus is to raise money and increase awareness for research until a cure for this cancer can be found.

<u>Starlight Children's Foundation</u> [15] offers programs to improve the life and health of kids that educate, entertain, and empower them.

<u>The Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation</u> [16] is a volunteer-run organization to help educate families of children with brain tumors and provide funds for scientific research.

<u>The Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy's</u> [17] mission is to ensure that new, safer, and more effective therapies are rapidly developed for childhood cancers and to improve the quality of life for survivors.

The Children's Inn at NIH [18] is a residential place for children and their families to stay while receiving medical treatment at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Where There's a Need, Inc. [19] provides support and encouragement for women and children with cancer by designing and creating unique head garments to address many appearance-related concerns.

<u>Young People With Cancer: A Handbook for Parents</u> [20] from the National Cancer Institute provides information on all stages of a child's illness. It tells you what to expect and suggests ways to prepare for different situations.

Camps and Retreats

Whether it's a summer camp, a week-long retreat, or a weekend gathering, children, adults, and families can come together to experience new adventures, find support, and learn something new about themselves. Read more about camps and retreats for families touched by cancer [21].

Information for School Professionals

Children in classrooms across the country are likely dealing with cancer right now, whether with a grandparent, parent, or teacher. <u>LIVE**STRONG**</u> at School [22], free online lessons, teach about cancer in a way that is age-appropriate, hopeful, inspiring and empowering. Lessons include national standards, clear learning objectives, engaging videos, extension activities, a check for understanding and ways that students can get involved in the fight against cancer.

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- [1] http://www.cancer.net/navigating-cancer-care/children/childhood-cancer-resources
- [2] http://www.cancer.net/about-us
- [3] http://www.acco.org/
- [4] http://www.bearnecessities.org/HomePage.aspx
- [5] http://www.beyondthecure.org/
- [6] http://www.cancercare.org/get_help/special_progs/cc_for_kids.php

- [7] http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/childrenandclinicalstudies/index.php
- [8] http://www.cbtf.org/
- [9] http://www.chionline.org/
- [10] http://www.cncfhope.org/
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