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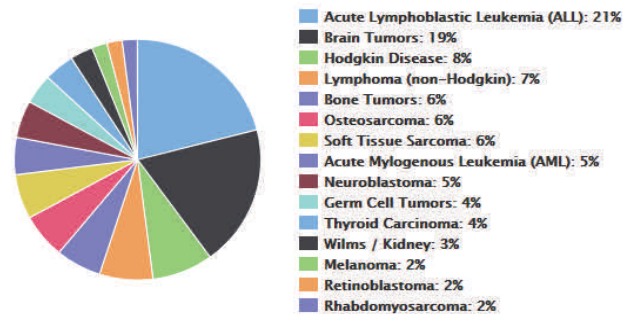
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## September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month!

### Did you know?

- The average age of children diagnosed is six.
- As of January 1, 2010, there were approximately 380,000 survivors of childhood and adolescent cancer (diagnosed at ages 0 to 19 years) alive in the United States.

Number of Childhood Cancer Diagnoses Per Year  
 Total = 15,700



Source: American Cancer Society, Inc.

### C4P Update

The C4P welcomes 6 new staff members:

- Stephanie Herzog  
CFS M.S. student, GA
- Alex Tucker Norris  
CFS M.S. student, GA
- Meagan Green  
CFS M.S. student, GA
- Meredith Farnsworth  
Psychology B.A. student
- Erin Bates  
Psychology B.A. student
- Emily Hopkins  
Psychology B.A. student

### C4P Trivia

In 1975, 50% of children diagnosed with cancer were able to fight for at least five years or more. As of 2010, this percentage has increased to which of the following?

- A. 60%      B. 70%  
 C. 80%      D. 90%

The first person to send the correct answer to center4parenting@utk.edu will receive a \$5 Starbucks gift card!

### Research Update: Parenting through Childhood Cancer

Williams, L. K., McCarthy, M. C., Eyles, D. J., Drew, S. (2013). Parenting a child with cancer: Perceptions of adolescents and parents of adolescents and younger children following completion of childhood cancer treatment. *Journal of Family Studies*, 19(1), 80-89.

#### Sample

- “Parents of children”
  - 14 parents whose children were aged between 0-13 at the time of the study
- “Adolescents and their parents”
  - 6 parents and 5 adolescents (13 years & older) not related to each other
  - 32 familial pairs (16 parents of 16 adolescents)
- All children were 2-5 years off of treatment

#### Key Findings:

- Many parents of preadolescent children reported decreasing discipline and increasing spoiling and bribing.
- Adolescents and their parents noted frustrations of regressive parenting (re-implementing parenting strategies of earlier childhood years) and the importance of structured parenting to facilitate normality.
- Both groups saw an increase in parental protectiveness, emotional support, and favoring the child with cancer over the other child.

This study demonstrates the importance of understanding parenting processes throughout the course of pediatric cancer. Parenting is a continuous process that should remain as consistent as possible during a child's treatment.

## Featured Program: CureSearch for Children's Cancer

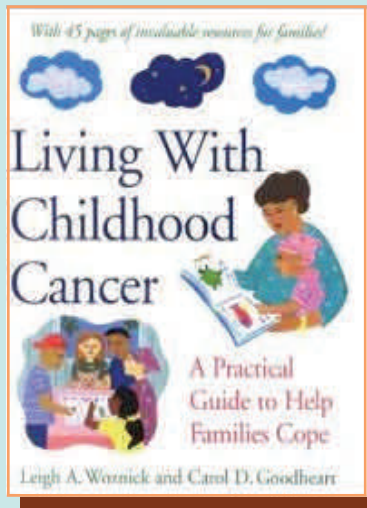
CureSearch for Children's Cancer is a nonprofit foundation that not only supports and funds innovative pediatric cancer research, but also provides helpful resources for the families of those affected. Medical professionals who work with patients and their families provide coping strategies and encourage community and school involvement throughout the experience. CureSearch is currently offering three online webinars presented specifically for parents and caregivers of children with cancer. The topics include handling emotions, managing school, and forming a caring group to support family.

**"CureSearch continues to provide education and resources so that no child faces a diagnosis and treatment without a fully informed support team. This is why CureSearch is expanding and continuing to fund educational programs and provide resources, such as [curesearch.org](http://www.curesearch.org), videos, and webinars."**

-Tania Lown-Hecht, PhD  
Research and Program Manager  
CureSearch for Children's Cancer

For more info, visit: <http://www.curesearch.org>

## Featured Resource:



**Living With Childhood Cancer: A Practical Guide to Help Families Cope** by Leigh A. Woznick and Carol D. Goodheart use both personal family experiences and professional opinion to highlight the psychological effects of cancer. The authors provide helpful information, emotional advice, and practical instruction for families coping with cancer.

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