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# Educating Childhood Cancer Patients & Survivors

A Virtual Conference for Teachers and Key School Personnel

Feb. 23, 2024 | Live Broadcast 9:00am-4:15pm EST | Earn 5 CEUs/CNEs

## About This Event

There are approximately 4,000 pediatric cancer patients and survivors in Virginia's school system, and that number grows as survival rates increase. Two-thirds of these children will experience late effects from treatment (physical, cognitive or both) that impact their long-term school success.

In partnership with the Virginia Department of Health, ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation invites you and your colleagues to join us for a virtual conference specifically created for teachers, nurses, counselors and administrators to learn how to best support these students' unique needs in the classroom and beyond.

**This conference offers a certificate of completion that confers 5 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for teachers and Continuing Nursing Education (CNEs) for nurses upon completion of the course evaluation.**

## Conference Topics

- Overview of Childhood Cancer
- Late Effects of Treatment
- Early Childhood Intervention & The Importance of Play
- Young Adult Success Panel
- Active Treatment Case Studies



Awarding of CEUs & CNEs is dependent on attendance at all five information sessions at the conference. This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the Virginia Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.





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# Presentation Topics

## Overview of Childhood Cancer (45 minutes)

Learn how frequently childhood cancer occurs and how it differs from adult cancers. Learn the most common types of childhood cancer, treatment protocols, survival rates, and what survivorship looks like.

## Late Effects of Treatment (2 hours)

While survival rates have increased significantly for almost all types of childhood cancer, treatments often cause long-term side effects known as 'late effects' of treatment.

These late effects can be cognitive, physical, or social-emotional, and all affect a survivor's academic experience. Learn how educational plans like 504 and IEP can help support these students' unique needs:

- Physical Late Effects (30 minutes)
- Cognitive Late Effects (30 minutes)
- Social Emotional Late Effects (30 minutes)
- Educational Plans (30 minutes)

## Early Childhood Intervention & The Importance of Play (45 minutes)

Childhood cancer treatment of young children often disrupts opportunities for socialization and play for both the patient and siblings. The effects of this are seen in the early elementary classroom experience. Learn how to support these early learners, and the important role of play for these children inside and outside of the classroom.

## Young Adult Success Panel (45 minutes)

A diverse panel of childhood cancer survivors who are now young adults will share their experiences transitioning back to school after treatment, challenges they faced, and what helped them the most.

## Active Treatment Case Studies (30 minutes)

A strong school-based team plays a critical role in helping childhood cancer patients and survivors succeed socially and academically in the school setting. We will walk through a real-life case study and address the role of school nurse, social worker, counselor, and administrator. This is an opportunity to apply what you've learned throughout the day and share your ideas.

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