

# Parents with Cancer



UCSF Helen Diller Family  
Comprehensive  
Cancer Center

The **UCSF Patient and Family Cancer Support Center** is the hub of support, information and resources for people with cancer at the **Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center**. Learn more about UCSF's supportive care programs at <https://cancer.ucsf.edu/support/crc/patient-support-center>

The **Cancer Support Center at Mission Bay** is located at 1825 4th St., 1st Floor, Room M-1210. The **Cancer Support Center at Mt. Zion** is located at 1600 Divisadero St., 1st Floor, Room B-101.

The complete list of Patient Education Resource Pages is available to view at <http://cancer.ucsf.edu/support/crc/patient-education-resources>

## Publications

American Cancer Society: *“Helping Children When a Family Member Has Cancer”*

Website: <https://www.cancer.org/treatment/children-and-cancer/when-a-family-member-has-cancer.html>

Cancer Support Community: *“Talking to Kids and Teens About Cancer”*

Website: <https://www.cancersupportcommunity.org/talking-kids-teens-about-cancer>

National Cancer Institute: *“When Your Parent Has Cancer: A Guide for Teens”*

Website: <https://pubs.cancer.gov/ncipl/detail.aspx?prodid=P223>

## Organizations

### The Children's Treehouse Foundation

The Children's Treehouse Foundation partners with other cancer centers and programs like CLIMB® with programs to support children, teens, and the whole family. The mission is to ensure that every child whose parent (or caregiver) diagnosed with cancer is given the early tools and emotional support to cope. These tools are to help normalize children's feelings of sadness, anxiety, fear and anger. Programs like CLIMB® helps reduces stress and improves communication for parent and child. Pre-recorded videos are also available.

Website: <https://www.treehousefoundation.net/who-we-are/mission.html>

Phone Number: 303-322-1202

## Websites

### Camp Kesem

Camp Kesem is a nationwide organization that supports children ages 6-16 through and beyond their parent's cancer with innovative, fun-filled programs.

Website: <http://campkesem.org> Phone Number: 260-225-3736

### East Bay Agency for Children – Circle of Care

Located in Oakland, Circle of Care offers support groups and peer counseling for children and families coping with a life-altering illness or death of a loved one. Circle of Care is a program of the East Bay Agency for Children.

Website: <http://www.ebac.org/services/circle.asp> Phone Number: 510-268-3770

## Books

*A Tiny Boat at Sea: How to help children who have a parent diagnosed with cancer*  
by Izzetta Smith (2000)

*Nowhere Hair: Explain cancer and hair loss to kids*  
by Sue Glader, Illustrated by Edith Buenen (2014)

*This information is intended to offer credible and reliable education resources for patients who want to learn more about their diagnosis. It is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all resources available.*