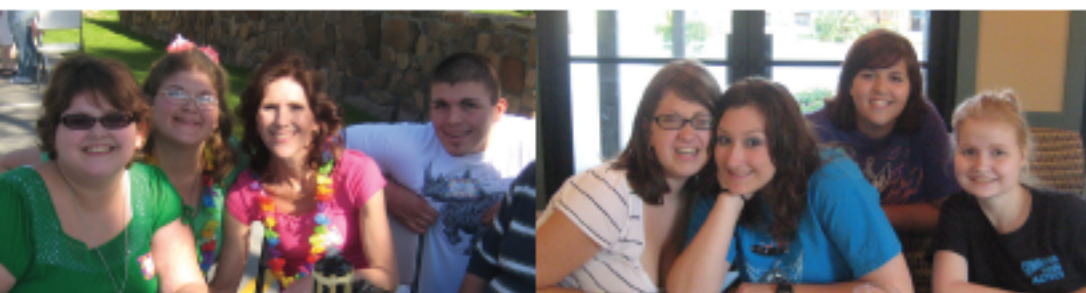


# Agenda



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- 8:00 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction  
Teens and Cancer: Unique Challenges, Early Diagnosis, and Research
- 10:00 a.m. Psychosocial and Emotional Development in Teens with Cancer
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Meeting the Psychosocial Needs of Teens with Cancer
- 11:30 a.m. Effects of Childhood Cancer on the Family
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch, Resource Tables
- 1:00 p.m. Late Effects – Remembering the Past and Planning for the Future
- 1:45 p.m. When Teen Lives Are Changed by Cancer: Interventions in Teen Loss And Grief
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Facilitating the School Experience for Teen Cancer Survivors
- 3:45 p.m. Teen Speaker Panel
- 4:30 p.m. Conclusion/Closing Remarks

**COST:** FREE, but registration is required. Register online at [www.lls.org/dm/patienteducation](http://www.lls.org/dm/patienteducation). Please register by February 12, 2010. If you are unable to attend, please notify us by February 16, 2010.

## Continuing Education Information

- Target Audience: Therapists, Intermediate and Advanced Level Nurses, Social Workers, Counselors, Psychologists, Other Mental Health Professionals
- Approval for nurses has been obtained by *The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's* national office under **Provider Number CEP 5832** to award **5.0** continuing education contact hours through the California Board of Registered Nursing. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), **Provider Number 1105**, is approved as a provider for social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) ([www.aswb.org](http://www.aswb.org)) Approved Continuing Education Program (ACE). Approval Period: 12/2008-12/2011. LLS maintains responsibility for the program. Social workers should contact their regulatory board to determine course approval. Social workers will receive **5.0 CE** clinical clock hours.
- Upon completion of this program and submission of the activity evaluation, a certificate of completion will be issued to you via US mail within 30 days.
- Questions, grievances, or assistance for individuals with disabilities, please contact Tracy Thurston at The Wellness Community-Arizona, 602.712.1006 or [tthurston@twccaz.org](mailto:tthurston@twccaz.org)



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Central United Methodist Church, Kendall Hall  
1875 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004  
Located on the Southeast Corner of  
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### Topics Include (highlights of the presentation):

The unique challenges facing teens with cancer  
How illness affects normal development  
Helping adolescents succeed in school after diagnosis  
The effects cancer has on the family  
Improving your effectiveness with bereavement issues  
Teen survivor panel

### Keynote Speaker: Archie Bleyer, MD

Medical Director, Clinical Research, St. Charles Regional Cancer Center Director, Alfac/CureSearch Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Research Founding Member, LiveStrong Young Adult Alliance

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# Speakers and Topics

Adolescents who are diagnosed with cancer face unique psychosocial, developmental and emotional challenges. The Teen Cancer Symposium will provide tools and best practices to help you support teens, their friends and families who are touched by cancer.



## Keynote Speaker: Dr. Archie Bleyer

*Teens and Cancer: Unique Challenges, Early Diagnosis, and Research*

### Objectives:

- Discover how teens with cancer have been orphaned by the national healthcare system
- Understand the lack of clinical trial activity for teens with cancer and its probable cause-and-effect relationship with their relative lack of therapeutic progress
- Learn signs and symptoms of cancer in adolescents and young adults
- Appreciate the recommendations of the recent National Cancer Institute Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Progress Review Group (AYAO PRG)
- Identify ways in which the individual attendee and The Wellness Community can assist in the national effort to address AYAO PRG recommendations

## Amanda Lopez and Chantelle Johnson

Child Life Specialists, Phoenix Children's Hospital

*Psychosocial and Emotional Development in Teens with Cancer*

### Objectives:

- Understand normal developmental stages in adolescents
- Learn how cancer affects normal development
- Realize the defining characteristics of this stage of development
- Understand teenagers' major fears and concerns regarding cancer

## Tracy Thurston, MC, LPC

The Wellness Community — Arizona

*Meeting the Psychosocial Needs of Teens with Cancer*

### Objectives:

- Discuss current teen cancer statistics in Arizona
- Review research about teens' psychosocial needs
- Understand how teens are psychologically different from adults or children
- Learn ways to provide psychosocial programming and weave in emotional support

## Josie Jones, LMSW and Kathryn Rose, LMSW

Cardon Children's Medical Center

*Effects of Childhood Cancer on the Family*

### Objectives:

- Discuss how childhood cancer affects parents—emotional, relational, role changes and financial
- Explore how the extended community can assist families
- Discuss resources for parents and siblings
- Discuss how childhood cancer impacts siblings in regard to their health, relationships, behavior and education
- Explore ways to reduce the negative effects of a cancer diagnosis on the family

## Laurie Smith, RN, MSN, PCNS-BC, CPON

Cardon Children's Medical Center

*Late Effects: Remembering the Past and Planning for the Future*

### Objectives:

- Understand the potential health impacts of cancer therapy on survivors
- Learn the importance of a multidisciplinary and structured treatment program
- Explore bridging to the future by incorporating preventive medicine

## Shannon Schiefer, MA, LPC

Grief and Bereavement Counselor

*When Teen Lives Are Changed by Cancer:*

*Interventions in Teen Loss and Grief*

### Objectives:

- Identify the various losses teens deal with when diagnosed with cancer
- Discussion and education on the 'secondary losses' of a cancer diagnosis
- Learn normalizing the full range of emotions and individual differences in grief responses and reactions
- Provide specific tools and interventions to use when working with teen loss and grief
- Understand how teens respond to loss differently than adults and children

## Marsha Soldavini, MSW and Sharon Denny, RN,

Phoenix Children's Hospital

*Facilitating the School Experience for Teen Cancer Survivors*

### Objectives:

- Describe common childhood cancers and treatments
- Identify challenges for survivors: returning to school, throughout their education, and into young adulthood
- Explain laws that protect childhood cancer survivors' rights
- Implement strategies to help meet students' short- and long-term educational needs
- Access resources that support schools and families

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