



Riding The Wave of Innovation

*Advances in Pediatric Oncology Social Work*

Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers



**34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**



April 28 – May 1, 2010  
Anaheim, California





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## Welcome

We invite you to join us in Anaheim - sunny Southern California for four exciting days of learning, connecting with old and new friends and having some fun along the way. The 34th APOSW Annual Conference will be held at *Disney's Paradise Pier*® Hotel, which is within easy walking distance to the *Disneyland*® Park and *Downtown Disney*® District.

Our theme this year is *Riding the Wave of Innovation: Advances in Pediatric Oncology Social Work*. The APOSW Board of Directors, Anaheim Site Committee and Abstract Committee have worked hard to incorporate your suggestions from prior conference evaluations in the conference planning. We continue to be impressed by the high number of abstract submissions; thirty-four were submitted this year. Thank you to those who submitted. We applaud your commitment to pediatric oncology and a willingness to share your experience and expertise.

Our intensive speakers will present recent advances in the field - knowledge and research in psychosocial care models, parental guidance at end of life, and the new territory of social networking (ethics and therapeutic value). Our goal as a professional organization is to equip our members with the most up to date information, tools and skills that you can take back to your hospital and enhance your practice. It is our hope that you will review the agenda closely and notice enhancements to the schedule. After many years of requests to extend the conference one more day, the Board made a decision to fold the pre-conference sessions into the regular conference agenda allowing some flexibility with scheduling. This will hopefully allow you to take some time to enjoy the *Disneyland*® Resort area.

Many have commented that this conference gives them the strength year after year to stay in pediatric oncology. So please plan to join us for a time that is sure to give us sustaining knowledge and refreshment for the care provided to the children and families that we serve each day. We look forward to seeing you in Anaheim!

**Pat Cornwell, LCSW**  
APOSW President - Elect

## Conference Objectives

- To create linkages and support between individuals, groups and organizations addressing the needs of those affected by childhood cancer.
- To enhance knowledge and understanding of diverse cultures, applying social work interventions/techniques to improve communication and relationships toward quality care.
- To educate, promote and evaluate the use of social work research within everyday social work practice and the psychosocial oncology sphere. Participants will learn the language of research and its ability to improve our direct care of children and families.
- To further develop our understanding of loss, the trauma of multiple losses and our ability to intervene with children diagnosed with cancer and their families toward compassionate end of life care, healing and future positive growth.
- To advance clinical and empirical knowledge about the impact of cancer and the application of social work interventions with children, adolescents and young adults in pediatric oncology.





## Welcome to Anaheim, California

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 34th Annual Conference of the Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers, “Riding the Wave of Innovation: Advances in Pediatric Oncology Social Work.” The APOSW conference provides unforgettable educational opportunities, a chance to revitalize our minds, uplift our spirits and replenish our souls. The conference allows you to reconnect with friends and colleagues, as well as to form new bonds with peers who share your professional endeavors.

While in California you will stay at *Disney’s Paradise Pier*® Hotel located within the *Disneyland*® Resort in the heart of Anaheim, just steps to *Disneyland*® Park, *Disney’s California Adventure*® Park and *Downtown Disney*® District. *Downtown Disney*® District is a unique gathering place for spontaneous fun and entertainment. With live music and a distinct variety of restaurants and shops one can’t help but be in high spirits in this relaxed and one-of-a kind scenery. Southern California offers a wide array of attractions from the mountainous ski slopes up North, to the vastness of the blue ocean waters up and down the coast, to the golden glamour of Hollywood, located in Los Angeles. You may enjoy a fun packed day at *Disneyland*® Park, visit local beaches just miles away and attend a local sporting event such as the Anaheim Angels or The Mighty Ducks. You may prefer some shopping at Southern California’s best shopping center at South Coast Plaza, or be inclined to visit a museum such as Bowers Museum of Cultural Art, or to take a beach tour and view Laguna Beach’s amazing tide pools, wild life coves and nature preserves. Wherever you are headed, you will be sure to have a great time!

As members of the California Site Committee, we are ecstatic to have you as our guest and are ready to assist you in any way, as we ride the wave of innovation into the future of pediatric oncology together. It is time to energize your mind, heart and spirit in the wonders of beautiful, sunny, Southern California!

### California Site Committee: Children’s Hospital of Orange County

Mitzi Bennett, LCSW  
Jenee Areckal, MSW  
Claudia E. Begino, LCSW  
Kristin Hawking, MSW

**Note: In an effort to be fiscally responsible in these economic times we are choosing conference items that will serve their purpose while also remaining cost effective and environmentally friendly.**



### Travel Websites

**Orange County Websites**  
[egov.ocgov.com/ocgov/Visitor](http://egov.ocgov.com/ocgov/Visitor)  
[www.anaheim.net](http://www.anaheim.net)  
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**California Websites**  
[www.visitcalifornia.com](http://www.visitcalifornia.com)  
[www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/sunset/california-ovg09/](http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/sunset/california-ovg09/)

## Questions

Please direct your conference questions to the following individuals. For more contact information see Board of Directors at [www.aposw.org](http://www.aposw.org)

## On-Line Registration

For immediate processing and confirmation, use our secure on-line registration system accessible through [www.aposw.org](http://www.aposw.org). If you have any questions please contact Lisa Mottola [lmm1321@bjc.org](mailto:lmm1321@bjc.org)

## Continuing Education

Application for CEUs has been made for the conference through the National Association of Social Workers (National Office). To view the list of state chapters that accept these CEUs go to the NASW website at [www.socialworkers.org/ce/response.asp](http://www.socialworkers.org/ce/response.asp)

## The Houston Tyler Rothschild Scholarship Fund

The Houston Tyler Rothschild Scholarship Fund is intended to supplement other funding in order to enable some full members to attend the conference who would not be able to otherwise. The scholarship is not intended to cover all expenses associated with the conference but may be applied to travel, conference registration, and/or accommodation expenses. Application forms are available at [www.aposw.org](http://www.aposw.org). If you have questions please contact Barbara Jones [barbarajones@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:barbarajones@mail.utexas.edu)  
Applications are due: February 15, 2010.

## Silent Auction – Share Something Special

A silent auction is held each year to support the Houston Tyler Rothschild Scholarship Fund. Auction items are donated by APOSW members and/or local stores, businesses, etc. We welcome contributions by APOSW members – this is a great way to share a bit of yourself and/or your home region. Please be mindful that the winner of your auction item will need to travel home with their winnings. If you have questions and/or items to donate, please contact Mitzi Bennett [mbennett@choc.org](mailto:mbennett@choc.org)

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**LAX:** \$22.00 one-way and \$32.00 round trip \*

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(800) 258-3826

**LAX :** \$16.00 one-way and \$32.00 round trip\*

**JWA/SNA:** \$10.00 one-way and \$20.00 round trip\*

Super Shuttle also provides transportation to/from LGB, BUR, and ONT airports. Reservations are required.

\* Prices are subject to change

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**LAX:** Many of the rental car companies provide phone links inside or near the baggage claim areas on the arrival (lower) level of the terminals so you can request a free shuttle pick up to reach the rental car sites.

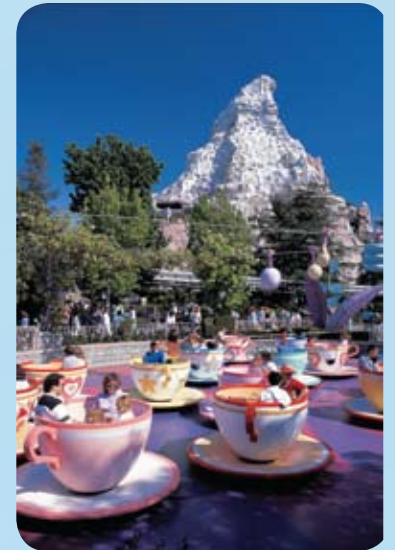
**JWA/SNA:** On-site rental car companies offer convenient services at the terminal, located on the arrival (lower) level, between Terminals A and B, right across from the statue of John Wayne.

### Time Zone:

Pacific Standard Time (PST)

### Climate And Attire

Weather in Southern California is generally pleasant, sunny and warm all year round. We enjoy 328 days of sunshine each year and an average temperature of 73°F. In April, the temperature ranges from an average high of 75°F to an average low of 65°F. It can be overcast, particularly in the morning, so bring your sweater plus your sandals!



### International Participants

Many banks are located near the hotel and can assist with currency exchange. Please contact the hotel for more information.

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## Reservations

On-line Reservations:  
<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/APOSW>. This link allows you to make reservations online 24/7. You will have access to make your on-line changes and cancellations.

Phone Reservations:  
(714) 520- 5005  
Identify the group name:  
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## Conference Hotel Rate

**Single - Quad Occupancy \$139.00 /per night\*\***

No junior or mini suites are available at the hotel.

\*\*The hotel rates are available 3 days pre and post conference.

## Additional Room Tax and Fees

The tax rate is 15%.

The Resort Fee is \$12.00 per room, per night plus tax and entitles all guests to wireless internet access in the guest rooms, unlimited local and 800 number calls, use of the health club, newspaper and overnight self-parking of two vehicles with in/out privileges.



**Cut off for block of rooms is April 5, 2010**

**Check in time: 3:00 pm**

**Check out time: 11:00 am**

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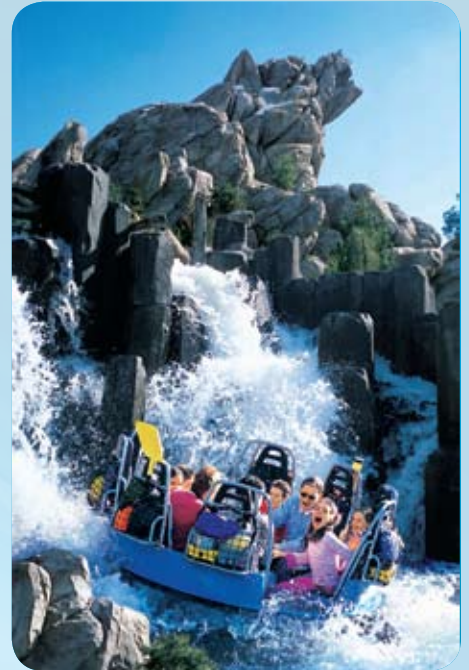
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## Parking

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## Business Center

*Disney's Paradise Pier®* Hotel has a business office (open Monday–Friday) to accommodate any last minute business needs at your own expense.



## Package Shipment Information

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Attention: Anne Kosem, APOSW Conference

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## Discounted Theme Park Tickets

To purchase park tickets at a discounted price please visit <http://www.disneyconventionear.com/GPAD10A>. Tickets are valid April 25 – May 8, 2010. Twilight Ticket is NOT valid on May 2, 2010. Ticket Store closes at 9 pm PST on April 25, 2010. After that date, you can purchase tickets at the hotel at a slightly higher price. The Convention Rate is good for 3 days pre and post arrival based on availability.

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7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

Opening Remarks

**Karen McKinley, PsyD, LCSW**  
President – APOSW

9:15 AM - 10:45 AM

KEYNOTE SESSION

**An Interdisciplinary Model for Comprehensive Psychosocial Care of Young People with Cancer and Their Families: The HOPE Program**

**Ernest R. Katz, PhD**

Director, Behavioral Sciences Section  
Childrens Hospital Los Angeles  
Los Angeles, CA

For young people with cancer and their families, life moves through complex phases from diagnosis, treatment, survivorship, or end of life and family survivorship. In order to maximize health outcomes and quality of life in pediatric cancer patients and their families, psychosocial support programs must utilize comprehensive models of care delivered by interdisciplinary teams of specialists. Services need to be tailored to phase of illness or survivorship, developmental levels, socioeconomic realities, and cultural and linguistic experiences. The HOPE Program at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles will be presented as an example of this evolutionary approach seeking to identify and deliver state-of-the-art psychosocial science and clinical care across the spectrum of patient, family, community, and staff needs.

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM Break

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM BREAKOUT 1

**1A - Art Therapy Interventions with Caregivers Supporting Pediatric Patients Who Are Undergoing Bone Marrow Transplantation for Cancer**



**Christina Cabanillas, MSW, LCSW**

**Kathy Kravits, RN, MA, LPC**

City of Hope  
Duarte, CA

This pilot study explored the use of the art therapy interventions with caregivers of pediatric BMT patients in reducing emotional distress, promoting pro-social interactions, and facilitating their adjustment to the experience. Art therapy is the facilitated making of visual art within psychotherapeutic relationship and has been shown to reduce distress and increase positive coping. Spanish speaking caregivers were offered a bilingual component. Six structured sessions were conducted by a nurse/art therapist and a bilingual social worker.

**1B - Eliciting, Documenting, and Interpreting the Experiences of Childhood Cancer Survivors through Photovoice**

**Brad Zebrack, PhD, MSW**

University of Michigan  
School of Social Work  
Ann Arbor, MI

Over a period of four months, six young adult survivors of childhood cancer and six members representing medically underserved population groups took photographs documenting the impact of cancer on their lives and the lives of their families. In audiotaped interviews and group meetings,

participants shared their photographs, assigned captions and narrated accounts of the ways that cancer has affected, and continues to affect, their lives.

**1C - Attachment and Loss in Pediatric Oncology: Reflections on Clinicians' Responses**

**Elyse Levin-Russman, MSW, LICSW**

Massachusetts General Hospital  
Boston, MA

Strong bonds are often forged between families and clinicians in pediatric oncology. For providers, successful treatment is heartily celebrated while losses are grieved intensely. Using a relational perspective, this interactive workshop will explore professional attachment and coping with loss after the death of a child. We will review the literature, explore interviews with pediatric oncology professionals and consider reflections based on many years of practice in health care social work.

12:15 PM - 12:30 PM Break

**12:30 PM - 1:45 PM  
Regional Networking Luncheon**

This networking opportunity is planned for all APOSW members - old and new - to meet and to exchange ideas with other members within their region.

## Day 1 - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2010 (continued)

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
INTENSIVE SESSION

### “Help Me to Be a ‘Good Parent’ to My Dying Child”

**Pamela Hinds, PhD, RN, FAAN**

Director, Nursing Research  
Children’s National Medical Center  
Washington, DC

Recent study findings convey parents’ intense desire to achieve their definition of being a ‘good parent’ to their seriously ill or dying child. Parents have also identified actions from clinicians that help them to achieve their definition. This presentation will highlight parent perspectives on their definitions of a good parent and our actions taken to help them achieve their definition.

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM      **Break**

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM      **BREAKOUT 2**

### 2A - Advancing Support through the Development of Online Groups for Childhood Brain Tumor Survivors and Their Families: The Nuts and Bolts of Building and Measuring Effectiveness



**Jessica Riester, LCSW**  
**Stacia Wagner, LSW**

Children’s Brain Tumor Foundation  
New York, NY

This presentation will offer an overview of recent internet-based oncology support group research as well as practical guidelines of creating on-line communities, such as effective and ineffective group designs, successes and challenges in finding survivor and parent group moderators, and summary of possible evaluation tools which can be used to determine the effectiveness of internet group therapy.

### 2B - Dying Without a Voice: Communication When a Child Can No Longer Speak

**David Brownstone, MSW, RSW**  
**Caelyn Kaise, MHSc SLP (C),**  
**Reg. CASLPO**

The Hospital for Sick Children  
Toronto, Canada

**Ceilidh Eaton-Russell, CCLS, MSc (Candidate)**  
The Max and Beatrice Wolfe Centre,  
Mt. Sinai Hospital  
Toronto, Canada

Enhanced communication with dying children who have communication challenges; important topics for families to discuss during the child’s end-of-life; and the content and process of communicating with children about illness and dying - are significant issues for the field. These issues are lacking in evidence-based knowledge regarding their relevance and impact for families. This workshop will contribute to our understanding of families’ psychosocial needs, effective non-verbal communication strategies, and supportive interventions when a child is dying.

### 2C - The Psychological Impact of Completing Childhood Cancer Treatment on Adolescent and Their Families

**Kate Lenthén, BSW**

Center for Children’s  
Cancer and Blood Disorders  
Sydney Children’s Hospital  
Randwick, Australia



This presentation will explore the experiences and unmet needs of adolescent cancer survivors and their families and consider interventions that might have eased the transition when completing active cancer treatment. Semi-structured, individual telephone interviews were conducted with adolescents who had completed cancer treatment in the preceding 36 months and their siblings and parents. Thematic patterns were identified, highlighting positive aspects and accomplishments and identifying areas of major challenges.

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

**Late Registration**

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Welcome Reception – Disney’s Paradise Pier® Hotel, Pier Side Pavillion**

**7:30 AM - 9:30 AM**  
**Day Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**8:00 AM - 11:30 AM**  
**W1 - Workshop for New Social Workers**

**Nancy Barbach, LCSW, BCD**  
Schneider Children's Hospital  
New Hyde Park, NY

**Cindy Zehnder, LCSW**  
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  
Atlanta, GA

This session is planned for social workers who have been working in the field of pediatric oncology for two years or less. Tech-

**3A - Collaboration and Team Work: Developing and Maintaining an Effective and Efficient Psychosocial Oncology Team**

**Mitzi Bennett, LCSW**  
**Jenee Areeckal, MSW**  
**Claudia Begino, LCSW**  
**Kristin Hawking, MSW**  
Children's Hospital of Orange County  
Orange, CA

Strong personalities, egos and feelings of superiority can affect the day-to-day work within a multidisciplinary team. CHOC Children's Psychosocial Team has worked hard to create a respectful and collaborative group which fosters good communication

**Summer Menefee, Med.**  
Children's Hospital Boston  
Boston, MA

A patient documentary program is an innovative way to provide a creative outlet for pediatric patients to explore their cancer experience. Staying current mainstream culture, the creation of personal videos is not only a fun way to capture the moment, but also has proven to have a powerful impact on many of our patients, families and staff. Case presentation, videos and print materials will highlight strategies for developing a successful patient documentary program.

**3C - Evidence-Based Education in Pediatric Oncology Social Work: Responding to the Call to Improve Care Using the 2008 Institute of Medicine Recommendations**

**Barbara Jones, PhD, MSW**  
University of Texas School of Social Work  
Austin, TX

This presentation describes an innovative National Cancer Institute R25 educational proposal to improve the delivery of psychosocial care for cancer patients through intensive education of pediatric and adult oncology social workers. In conjunction with expert faculty the investigative team will develop an oncology social work-specific curriculum, based upon the recommendations of the 2008 Institute of Medicine Report. Over the next four years, courses will be offered in partnership between the primary institution and the Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Work (APOSW) and the Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW). To further increase the impact of this educational effort, evidence-based information will be regularly distributed on the key organizations' websites and through their newsletters.



niques of assessment, crisis intervention, professional boundaries, issues of palliative / end of life care and survivorship will be presented utilizing presenter examples and group participation. The social worker's role on the interdisciplinary team will be addressed. The emotional impact of our work and the importance of self care will be included. Participants will have the opportunity to network and to share their personal experiences, concerns and ideas. Finally, the social work role of APOSW as a source of support and professional growth will be introduced.

and team work, resulting not only in good patient care but also in greater job satisfaction. CHOC Children's Oncology social workers, along with the other members of the multidisciplinary team, will facilitate a dynamic and interactive panel discussion.

**3B - Capturing the Moment: Introducing a Patient Documentary Program in an Inpatient and Outpatient Pediatric Oncology Setting**

**Martha Young, CCLS**  
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
Boston, MA

**9:00 AM - 10:15 PM BREAKOUT 3**



**10:15 AM - 10:30 AM Break**

**10:30 AM - 11:45 AM BREAKOUT 4**

**4A - Field Instruction in Pediatric Oncology Social Work: New Opportunities and New Challenges**

**Toni Cabat, DSW, MSW**  
Chai Lifeline  
New York, NY

**Susan Scarvalone, MSW**  
Mercy Medical Center  
Baltimore, MD

Pediatric oncology social workers face an increasing need for social work services and limited funding for new positions. Students from a variety of undergraduate and graduate health care programs are seeking internships to build career skills. This presents a unique opportunity for oncology social workers to enhance their staffing and programs, as well as to find ways to respond to the needs of diverse student populations. This presentation addresses creative ways to provide diverse internships through psychosocial assignments, use of non-traditional time frames, and program development. The authors will include a review of the literature and practical examples to describe and highlight applications to pediatric oncology practice.

**4B - From Wounded Healer to Resilient Witness: Unearthing and Counterbalancing the Impacts of Vicarious Trauma**

**Susan J. Wachler, LCSW**  
**Kate Zera Kray, LCSW**  
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  
Atlanta, GA

This presentation takes a multisystemic look at the ubiquitous theme of vicarious trauma and post traumatic secondary stress. The inevitable consequences of repeated exposure to trauma are possible to address and to minimize. Join brain tumor social workers in a didactic and interactive discussion illustrating the symptoms, neurobiological impacts, and documented need for ongoing restorative health.

**4C - Enhancing Quality of Life, Building Self Esteem and Forging Friendships: Camp Ooch on the 8th at SickKids.**

**Norah Kot Shaughnessy, MSW**  
Camp Oochigeas at SickKids  
Toronto, Canada

For two and a half years, camp has been occurring in the inpatient, outpatient and bone marrow transplant units at SickKids Hospital in Toronto. The goals of the program are simple: to increase patients' self-confidence and self-esteem, to forge friendships and to have fun. Four full-time Camp Oochigeas employees are part of SickKids' multidisciplinary team and work to cover



six days per week ensuring that there are group and individual play programs for the patients that and offer a sense of magic, challenge, friendship and fun. Regardless of their stage of disease, patients are able to participate in the program and are followed by the same programmers. Last year alone the program reached more than 350 patients and continues to grow.

**11:45 AM - 12:00 PM Break**

**12:00 PM - 1:30 PM**  
**Special Interest Working Groups (SIWG)**  
**Box Lunch Provided**

**Select One Group to Attend:**

1. BMT
2. Brain Tumors
3. Sibling Issues
4. Survivorship/Late Effects
5. End of Life
6. Integrative Medicines
7. School Re-Entry
8. Palliative Care
9. Bioethics

**2:00 PM - 5:00 PM WORKSHOPS**

**W2 - Enhancing Spiritual Care for Young Patients and Their Families**

**Karen Durgans, MS, LPC**  
A Lion in the House  
Yellow Springs, OH

**Liz Sumner, RN, BSN**  
The Center of Compassionate Care  
Escondido, CA

The goal of this interactive session is to help social workers respond empathically to the spiritual care needs of diverse young patients and their families by utilizing real-life unscripted case studies from the Emmy Award winning documentary A LION IN THE HOUSE. Many social workers feel reluctant to address spiritual care; yet, recent studies note that many parents/families would like to be asked about spirituality and have it integrated into their loved one's overall care.

**W3 - Workshop: Abstracts, Grant Writing, Publishing**

**Patricia Cornwell, LCSW**  
Children's Health Care of Atlanta  
Atlanta, GA

**Barbara Jones, PhD, MSW**  
University of Texas School of Social Work  
Austin, TX

**Stacia Wagner, LSW**  
Children's Brain Tumor Foundation  
New York, NY

Pediatric oncology social workers have a unique perspective to add to the clinical and research scholarly community. This workshop is designed to help you write grants, develop abstracts and consider publication opportunities for your work. Please come with your ideas for funding, publishing and presenting or even if you are just curious about how you might begin to develop these professional skills.

**6:00 PM - 9:30 PM**  
**Banquet at the Ralph Brennan's Jazz Kitchen (Downtown Disney® District)**  
**Including Presentation of the APOSW Social Worker of the Year Award**

**7:30 AM - 8:30 AM**  
**Day Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**8:15 AM - 8:30 AM**  
**Introductions and Housekeeping**

**8:30 AM - 10:00 AM INTENSIVE SESSION**

**MySpace or YourSpace?: Professional Ethics and Social Networks**

**Kim Strom-Gottfried, PhD**  
University of North Carolina,  
School of Social Work  
Chapel Hill, NC

The widespread emergence of social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook create unique challenges in the application of familiar ethical concepts. Client privacy, professional boundaries, worker self-disclosure, conflicts of interest and informed consent all take on new form and complexity in light of technological advances. This workshop introduces the features of social networking and explores the risks and rewards of conscious use of networking sites in social work practice.

**10:00 AM - 10:15 AM Break**

**10:15 AM - 11:30 AM BREAKOUT 5**

**5A - So You Don't Have Time to Kick Back and Relax?**

**Meredith Stutts, MSW, LGSW**  
**Molly Heathcock, MSW, LGSW**  
**Terrika Johnson, MSW**  
**Audrey Lampki, LCSW, LMFT**  
The Children's Harbor Family Center  
Children's Hospital of Alabama  
Birmingham, AL

Oncology social workers are "take-charge" people. We tell patients and caregivers to take care of themselves...but infrequently take our own advice. Let's face it - we already know what the literature says about burn-out and stress and we all experience it to some degree. This session will offer unique opportunities to learn new ways to nurture yourself and take home fun and easy stress reduction activities that can be done at work.

**5B - The Impact of Pediatric Cancer – A Family Perspective**

**Melanie Goldish and family panelists**  
SuperSibs!  
Rolling Meadows, IL

This innovative session will address the various impacts that pediatric cancer has on each member of the family. With an expert panel of family member spokespersons, the day-to-day and long-term impacts for each member will be highlighted. We will explore psychosocial and community supports that are most helpful to each family member as they try to navigate this journey successfully together.

**5C - The Quilting Room**

**Nancy F. Cincotta, LCSW**  
Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake  
New York, NY

Similar to the state of the art of oncology practice which uses chemotherapy, surgery, and radiation to effectively treat the physical manifestations of cancer, blending artistic, expressive, and verbal techniques enhances the oncology social worker's ability to address the psychosocial needs to families. A quilting program which is part of a comprehensive bereavement program for families in which a child has died of cancer, survey data and relevant research will be presented.

**5D - Partnering for Survivors – Community Partnerships to Build a Successful Survivorship Program**

**Sylvia Cano, LMSW-AP**  
**Barbara Crane, MSW, LCSW**  
CHRISTUS Santa Rosa  
Children's Hospital,  
Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Program  
San Antonio, TX  
**Barbara Jones, PhD, MSW**  
University of Texas School of Social Work  
Austin, TX

Childhood cancer survivors require medical/psychosocial support. Current economic conditions make it difficult to expand or develop new programs. Getting back to the

basis and learning from others can help to meet these needs. Identification of ways to partner with your community to preserve hospital resources will be discussed. One partnership highlighted brings in academia to assist in psychosocial research, program development and funding. Collaboration helps to promote a community network and support system for the oncology social worker.

**11:30 AM - 11:45 AM Break**

**11:45 AM - 12:30 PM**  
**Memorial Service**

**12:45 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Committee Meetings**  
(Meetings are open to all interested members. Lunch will be provided)

**Research Committee Meeting**

The Research Committee meeting is not intended for "research experts" or those currently participating in research only, it is open to all members. The purpose of the meeting is for members to share research they are participating in and to discuss ideas that they would like to develop into research, publication, or group projects. The Research Committee also plans to develop an APOSW research project where members can collaborate, learn and develop their skills together.

**Quality of Life Committee Meeting**

The Quality of Life (QOL) Committee is open to all members. It embraces the psychosocial well-being of all children diagnosed with cancer and their families. Through the SIWG's and our members, the committee identifies themes and QOL issues for future conference presentations as well as potential research (collaboratively with the Research committee) to improve the lives of pediatric oncology patient and families. The QOL Committee also serves to guide the great work done by the SIWG's.

**12:45 PM - 2:00 PM**  
**Lunch on Own**

**1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**Exhibitors' Fair - Poster Presentations -  
Silent Auction**

**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**Wine & Cheese Reception**

Sponsored by HopeLab

**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

**The Lone Ranger: Practicing Pediatric  
Oncology Social Work Solo**

**Christa Burke, MSW**

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center  
Lebanon, NH

**Erin Garner, LCSW-C**

University of Maryland Medical Center  
Baltimore, MD

**What Bereaved Parents Tells Us**

**Constance Connor, LCSW**

Life with Cancer, Inova Health System  
Fairfax, VA

**Money Talks, But Are We Listening?**

**Jessica Cook, MSW**

**Christine Leeper, MSW**

The National Children's Cancer Society  
St. Louis, MO

**Braving the Waves When Approaching  
End of Life Issues: A Family-Centered  
Care Perspective**

**Heather DeRousse, LCSW**

**Morgan Henry, LMSW**

Children's Cancer Hospital at M.D.  
Anderson Cancer Center  
Houston, TX

**The Relationship Between Insecure  
Attachment, Distress, Grief and  
Oscillation Among Parents Who Have  
Lost a Child to Cancer**

**Philip Domingue, MSW, RSW, PhD Cand.**

National Catholic School of Social Service  
Ottawa, Canada

**Social Work and Nursing Joining Forces:  
An Innovative Approach to Partnering**

**Stephanie Fooks-Parker, MSW, LSW**

**Anne Wohlschlaeger, MSN, CPNP, CPON**

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
Philadelphia, PA

**Willfully Achieving Voice and  
Empowerment (WAVE): Establishing  
the Presence of Sickle Cell Disease  
within the Community through Family  
Activism**

**Gregory Hedler MSW, LCSW**

**Adriana Acosta, MSW, LCSW**

The Tomorrows Children's Institute  
Hackensack University Medical Center  
Hackensack, NJ

**CARES: An Innovative Program  
Empowering Communities to Provide  
Quality Support to Children with  
Cancer**

**Anne Kosem, MSW, LCSW**

**Laurie Howlett, MSW, LCSW**

Duke University Medical Center  
Durham, NC

**Building a Network for Young Adult  
Survivors of Childhood Cancer: The YA  
Retreat at Camp Oochigeas**

**Norah Kot Shaughnessy, MSW**

Camp Oochigeas at SickKids  
Toronto, Canada

**Stomp Out Sarcoma: Developing a Board  
Game to Help Pediatric Sarcoma Patients  
Process the Treatment Experience**

**Mary Lane, MSW, LICSW**

Georgetown University Hospital,  
Lombardi Cancer Center  
Washington, DC

**Pictures Are Worth 1,000 Words:  
Photo Jounaling as a Psychosocial  
Intervention**

**Carolyn McCarley, LCSW**

**Carrie Calhoon, LCSW**

Arkansas Children's Hospital  
Little Rock, AR

**Advance Directive as a Transition Tool for  
Young Adult Survivors of Childhood Cancer**

**Lisl Schweers, LCSW**

Childrens Hospital Los Angeles  
Los Angeles, CA

**Helping Families Meet the Challenges  
of cGVHD in Children and Adolescents  
through Online Resources and National  
Partnerships**

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**When Lighting Strikes Twice: Advancing  
the Dialogue for Enhanced Practice  
with Concurrent Child and Caregiver  
Oncology Treatments**

**Juliana Yiu, LCSW**

**Michelle Sanford, LMSW**

**Meredith Barnhart, LMSW**

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center  
New York, NY

**Sexual Function in Young Adult Survivors  
of Childhood Cancer**

**Brad Zebrack, PhD, MSW**

University of Michigan  
School of Social Work  
Ann Arbor, MI

**5:00 PM**

**FREE EVENING**

**8:00 AM - 10:00 AM**  
**Full Breakfast and APOSW Business Meeting (For All Members)**

**10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**  
**CLOSING SESSION**

**Complementary Medicine ?**

**Eldon Zaretski, BSP**  
Alberta Children's Hospital  
Calgary, Canada

This presentation will 'try' to address the many questions surrounding complementary therapies, including whether these therapies can truly be complementary. The talk will focus on the supplements available, alternate therapies, sources of information and methods to accommodate therapies during treatment. An informal atmosphere will allow for the integration of questions from the floor and sharing of individual experiences within the group to assist with the handling of this practice issue.

**11:30 AM**  
**Closing Remarks**

**Patricia Cornwell, LCSW**  
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  
Atlanta, GA



# REGISTRATION - APOSW CONFERENCE 2010

Registration available on-line at [www.aposw.org](http://www.aposw.org)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Credentials: \_\_\_\_\_  
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First Time Attendee:

Region:  Midwest  West  Northeast  Southeast  International

Your name as you wish it to appear on the conference badge: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

**Note: All renewing APOSW members must have membership fees postmarked by December 31, 2009, in order to register for the conference at full membership status.** (Conference registration does not include membership fee. If you would like to become a member or renew, please visit our website for membership form and details)

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| <b>FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: (Includes Banquet)</b>  | Until March 26th                  | *After March 26th                 |
| FULL (Degree in Social Work, Work in Pediatric Oncology) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$380.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$430.00 |
| ASSOCIATE (Non Social Work Degree)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$450.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500.00 |
| STUDENTS   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$160.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$210.00 |
| NON-MEMBER   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$550.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$600.00 |

**ONE DAY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:**  Wed, April 28  Thurs, April 29  Fri, April 30

|            |                                   |                                   |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|            | Until March 26th                  | *After March 26th                 |
| Member     | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00 |
| Non-Member | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250.00 |

\*Conference registration must be completed on-line or postmarked by March 26th, or a \$50.00 late fee will be assessed. First time new members will not be assessed a late fee. Registration is not complete until payment is received in full.

**Total Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**All Conference Registration Fees cover the cost of Continuing Education Certificates (CEU).**

### ROOM LOCATOR:

I would like assistance locating a  male  female roommate.

### SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENT:

Vegetarian  Kosher

**BANQUET: Registration for the banquet is not available after April 13th**

Will attend  Will not attend

Will bring a guest (additional cost \$65.00/person)

Please select one of the following if you are attending:

|            | Self                     | Guest                    |
|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Steak      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Salmon     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vegetarian | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Please select one session per time block

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| Wed. April 28 | 11:00 - 12:15 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1A | <input type="checkbox"/> 1B | <input type="checkbox"/> 1C |
| Wed. April 28 | 3:45 - 5:00   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2A | <input type="checkbox"/> 2B | <input type="checkbox"/> 2C |

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| Thurs. April 29 | 8:00 - 11:30  | Workshop 1: New Social Workers                   |                             |                             |
| Thurs. April 29 | 9:00 - 10:15  | <input type="checkbox"/> 3A                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 3B | <input type="checkbox"/> 3C |
| Thurs. April 29 | 10:30 - 11:45 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4A                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 4B | <input type="checkbox"/> 4C |
| Thurs. April 29 | 2:00 - 5:00   | Workshop 2: Enhancing Spiritual Care             |                             |                             |
| Thurs. April 29 | 2:00 - 5:00   | Workshop 3: Abstracts, Grant Writing, Publishing |                             |                             |

### To Register

**On-line:** visit [www.aposw.org](http://www.aposw.org)

**Mail:** Lisa Mottola, c/o St. Louis Children's Hospital,  
One Children's Place,  
Dept of Clinical Social Work 11 East - 10,  
St. Louis, MO 63110

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| Fri. April 30 | 10:15 - 11:30 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5A | <input type="checkbox"/> 5B | <input type="checkbox"/> 5C | <input type="checkbox"/> 5D |
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All conference fees must be paid in advance of the conference. We request that all payments be paid in US dollars - Visa\*\* or MasterCard\*\*, US checks, US traveler's checks, or US money orders. Checks payable to APOSW.

**NETWORKING LUNCHEON:** Wed, April 28 12:30 - 1:45pm

**SPECIAL INTEREST WORKING GROUP:** Thurs, April 29 12:00 - 1:30pm

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\*\*Credit card payments are only available through on-line registration.

Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to the APOSW Treasurer, Lisa Mottola via email [lmm1321@bjc.org](mailto:lmm1321@bjc.org) or fax (314) 454-2473. Reasonable cancellation requests will be granted a refund. A \$50.00 non-refundable processing fee will apply to all cancellations.



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