

APOSW ANNUAL CONFERENCES

1976-1977: 2 meetings of 6 pediatric oncology social workers in Philadelphia to discuss common issues and offer support to one another.

1st Conference: December 2-3, 1977, in **Bethesda, Maryland**, at NCI. "Cancer as a Chronic Illness" Twenty-four social workers were invited and group decided to form APOSW. Initial officers were elected.

2nd Conference: December 1-2, 1978, in **Bethesda, Maryland**. "Issues for Survival".

3rd Conference: October 29-31, 1979, in **Cincinnati, Ohio**. "Challenge for Social Work Practice: Oncology Social Work".

4th Conference: October 29-31, 1980, in **Houston, Texas**. "Focus on Collaborative Practice".

5th Conference: December 2-4, 1981, in **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**. "Looking Ahead".

6th Conference: October 20-22, 1982, in **Albuquerque, New Mexico**. "Childhood Cancer: Clinical Issues".

7th Conference: October 12-14, 1983, in **Ann Arbor, Michigan**. "Childhood Cancer: Family Experience".

8th Conference: October 17-19, 1984, in **San Francisco, California**. "Childhood Cancer: Social Work Dilemmas".

9th Conference: October 2-4, 1985, in **St. Petersburg, Florida**. "Childhood Cancer: Developmental Issues".

10th Conference: 1986, in **Los Angeles, California**. "Empowerment Through Expertise: Oncology Social Work Practice in the 80's".

11th Conference: April 29-May 2, 1987, in **Boston, Massachusetts**. "Action in the 80's: Meeting the Challenge of a New Era".

12th Conference: April 27-29, 1988, in **San Antonio, Texas**. "Multidimensional Social Work: Alliances in Pediatric Oncology".

13th Conference: April 26-28, 1989, in **Raleigh, North Carolina**. "Professional Development: The Creative Process in Pediatric Oncology Social Work".

14th Conference: 1990 in **Seattle, Washington**. "Pediatric Oncology Social Work in the 1990's: Change, Challenge, Choice".

15th Conference: April 24-27, 1991, in **Memphis, Tennessee**. "Surviving Childhood Cancer: Patients, Families and Professionals".

16th Conference: April 8-11, 1992, in **Denver, Colorado**. "Pediatric Oncology Social Work: Treatment, Teams, Transitions".

17th Conference: April 28-May 1, 1993, in **Atlanta, Georgia**. "Social Work Practice in Pediatric Oncology: Enhancing Our Skills".

18th Conference: April 20-23, 1994, in **Santa Fe, New Mexico**. "Social Work Practice in Pediatric Oncology: The Challenge of Diversity".

19th Conference: April 5-8, 1995, in **Salt Lake City, Utah**. “Opportunity for Change: The Challenge Facing Pediatric Oncology Social Work”.

20th Conference: April 24-27, 1996, in **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**. “The Past as Foundation for the Future”.

21st Conference: April 9-12, 1997, in **Birmingham, Alabama**. “Maintaining Balance in a Changing Health Care Environment.

22nd Conference: March 25-28, 1998, in **Long Beach, California**. “Pediatric Oncology Social Work: Quality Assured, Ideas, Innovations, Programs”.

23rd Conference: March 17-20, 1999, in **Chicago, Illinois**. “The Center of our Practice: Our Foundation and Vision”.

24th Conference: March 29-April 1, 2000, in **Houston, Texas**. “Blazing New Frontiers: Pediatric Oncology Social Work Enters the New Millennium”.

25th Conference: April 25-28, 2001, in **Calgary, Canada**. “Advances in Pediatric Oncology Social Work: Journey to the Summit”.

26th Conference: April 8-11, 2002, in **Amelia Island, Florida**. “Energizing the Spirit: Discovery and Renewal in Pediatric Oncology Social Work”.

27th Conference: April 28-May 1, 2003, in **Las Vegas, Nevada**. “Pediatric Oncology Social Work: Improving the Odds and Meeting the Challenge”.

28th Conference: May 19-22, 2004, in **St. Louis, Missouri**. “Gateway to Growth: Advancing Psychosocial Practice in Pediatric Oncology”.

29th Conference: May 9-12, 2005, in **Norfolk, Virginia**. “Creating Hope for Tomorrow: Compassionate and Competent Practice in Pediatric Oncology Social Work”.

30th Conference: May 3-6, 2006, in **Toronto, Canada**. “Sharing Pearls of Wisdom: Celebrating 30 Years of Honoring Diversity and Enriching Lives”.

31st Conference: May 2-5, 2007, in **Seattle, Washington**. “Finding the Rainbows in Our Clouds: Discovering the Bridge between Ideas and Action in Pediatric Oncology Social Work”.

32nd Conference: May 14-17, 2008, in **Bar Harbor, Maine**. “Navigating the Seas of Change: Honoring and Exploring the Collective Knowledge in Pediatric Oncology Social Work”.

33rd Conference: April 22-25, 2009 in **Memphis Tennessee**. “Celebrating Our Successes: Building Bridges of Hope for Pediatric Oncology Patients”.

34th Conference: April 28– May 1, 2010 in **Anaheim, California**. “Riding the Wave of Innovation: Advances in Pediatric Oncology Social Work”

35th Conference: May 11-13, 2011 in **Atlanta, Georgia**. “Resilience in Bloom: Encouraging Renewal in Pediatric Oncology Social Work”.

36th Conference: May 16-18, 2012 in **Portland, Oregon**. “Exploring Sustainability: Promoting Pediatric Oncology Social Work in the Changing Healthcare Environment”.