



# RESILIENCE IN BLOOM

Encouraging Renewal in Pediatric Oncology Social Work

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Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers

35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

May 11 – May 13, 2011

Atlanta, Georgia



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SMART Goals: Enhancing your Effectiveness as a Change Agent

Collaborations - The Oncology Social Worker in Context: Identifying Strengths, Limitations & Barriers

### Workshop 1:

- A. Systematic & Patient-Centered Psychosocial Screening & Assessment
- B. Culturally Sensitive Communication, Problem Solving & Decision-Making

### Workshop 2:

- C. Evidence-Informed Interventions
  - D. Family Caregiver Support & Family Conferencing
- Professionalism in Action: Strengthening our Commitment to Advocacy & Leadership

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## Welcome

Please plan to join us at the 35th Annual APOSW Conference in Atlanta, a city embodied with charm and Southern hospitality. The conference will be held at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center located in the heart of downtown Atlanta, within the bustling Luckie Marietta District. This luxury hotel will treat you to views of the spectacular downtown skyline and picturesque Centennial Olympic Park.

This year's conference theme, "Resilience in Bloom: Encouraging Renewal in Pediatric Oncology Social Work." The APOSW Board of Directors, Conference Chair, Anne Kosem, Atlanta Site Committee and Abstract Committee have been working diligently to prepare meaningful opportunities for you to learn and network. It is so impressive to see the body of work submitted in abstracts. This year 33 submissions were received. The conference will allow you to experience personal and professional renewal through the extraordinary intensives, breakout and poster presentations, special interest working group meetings, and a variety of excellent exhibits.

The conference will open with **Elaine Meyer, Ph.D., RN**, Director, Institute for Professionalism & Ethical Practice, Children's Hospital Boston addressing Everyday Clinical Ethics. **Amber Masso**, American Childhood Cancer Organization (formerly Candlelighters), will share her survivorship journey and advocacy efforts for childhood cancer patients. **Rob Zucker MA, LCSW, FT**, Mary Washington Hospice, Fredericksburg, VA will speak on important insights into how we can assist the bereaved to manage their grief and mentor their children - even as their lives feel shattered. Books authored by Mr. Zucker will be available for purchase and signing. Our closing ethics session by **Rebecca D. Pentz, Ph.D.** Professor of Hematology and Oncology in Research Ethics, Emory School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA will address applying ethical principles and codes to cases.

Attend this professional development conference where you will find new information, examine social work practice models, be enriched, renewed, and meet new colleagues and catch up with old friends. See you in Atlanta!

Stacy Stickney Ferguson, MSW, LICSW  
President Elect, APOSW



## 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 Atlanta Georgia

It is with great excitement we welcome you to Atlanta for the 35th annual conference of the Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Work. Spring in Georgia is glorious: azaleas and rhododendrons blaze in a myriad of colors under a canopy of blooming dogwoods and magnolias.

Our home for the conference will be the Omni Hotel in downtown Atlanta at the CNN Center. While here, tour CNN studios or be a part of a studio audience. Step outside of the hotel and you are in Centennial Olympic Park site of the opening ceremony for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games. Walk through the park and view the wonders of the world's largest Aquarium. While you are here, take some time to visit some of our historic sites and neighborhoods including The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial and the Carter Presidential Library. Minutes away from the hotel, you will find world class shopping and dining.

What world famous soft drink was invented in Atlanta? Coca-Cola, of course! Our banquet will be held at the World of Coke. Enjoy food with a southern flair while experiencing one of Atlanta's premiere attractions.

If it appears we love and are proud of our city, it's true! Atlanta welcomes millions of visitors each year. The charm of its people and the beauty of the venue will invigorate and inspire you. We hope to provide a fertile ground in which our impressive array of speakers and breakout sessions can coax "Resilience in Bloom", and send you home renewed, re-challenged and refreshed in this work we do.

Y'all come down and see us!

### Atlanta Site Committee: Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

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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.

## 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

Use our secure on-line registration system <http://www.aposw.org/html/conferences.php> and click registration for immediate processing and confirmation. If you have any questions please contact **Helena Gutierrez Richards, LCSW** [hrichards@nemours.org](mailto:hrichards@nemours.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

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**Applications are due: February 28th 2011**

## 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 **Cindy Zehnder, LCSW** [cindy.zehnder@choa.org](mailto:cindy.zehnder@choa.org)

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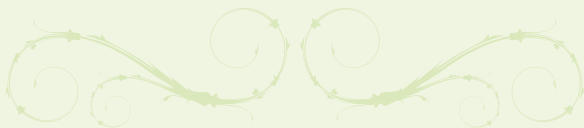
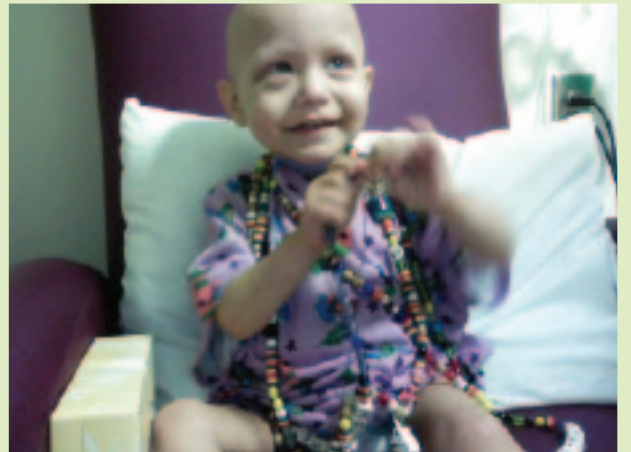
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[www.atlsuperiorshuttle.com](http://www.atlsuperiorshuttle.com).

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## TIME ZONE

Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

## CLIMATE and ATTIRE

Spring in Atlanta is delightful with the many blooming azaleas, dogwoods and magnolias. Temperatures in early May average in the upper 70s to low 80s. While the weather outside is typically lovely, it is likely to be cool in the conference rooms, so pack a sweater!

## INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

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

## HOTEL INFORMATION

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### Reservations

On-line Reservations: [www.omnicnn.com](http://www.omnicnn.com)

**Phone reservations:** 1-888-444-OMNI (6664) (for U.S. residents only) seven days a week from 6:00 a.m. to midnight CST. Identify the group name: Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers.

### Conference Hotel Rate

**Single - Double Occupancy \$149.00/per night\*\***

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

### Additional Room Tax and Fees

The tax rate is 15%.

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**Cut off for block of rooms is Sunday April 10, 2011 at 5 p.m.**

**Check in time: 3:00 PM**

**Check out time: 12 Noon**

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Omni Hotel at CNN Center  
100 CNN Center  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
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# TUESDAY, May 10, 2011

7:30 PM - 9:00PM Early Registration

## Day 1 - WEDNESDAY, May 11, 2011

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:15 AM - 8:30 AM

Opening Remarks

**Pat Cornwell, LCSW**

President - APOSW

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

**KEYNOTE SESSION**

### Everyday Clinical Ethics: Enhancing Clinical Care and Revitalizing Professionalism

**Elaine C. Meyer, PhD, RN**

Director, Institute for Professionalism & Ethical Practice  
Children's Hospital Boston  
Associate Professor of Psychology, Department of Psychiatry  
Harvard Medical School  
Boston, Massachusetts

This presentation will explore the breadth, challenges and opportunities of everyday clinical ethics that abound in pediatric oncology, particularly at the end of life. A heightened appreciation of everyday ethics at the bedside and during team interactions can enrich clinical perspectives and contribute to more nuanced, effective and customized interventions for pediatric patients and their families. Recognition of the ethical landscape of clinical situations and reflection on our "ethics-in-action" can be a wellspring for restoring and revitalizing professionalism.

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

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM **BREAKOUT 1**

### 1A - Outcomes of an Innovative Educational Conference Series for Adolescent and Young Adult Survivors of Childhood Cancer.

**Constance Connor, LCSW**

Life with Cancer, Inova Health System  
Fairfax, VA

To describe a series of educational conferences to increase knowledge about late effects and promote healthy behaviors for teen and young adult survivors of childhood cancer. Innovative incentives for attendance will be outlined. Results and limitations of a consumer evaluation survey of the conferences' impact on increasing awareness about late effects and changing positive health behavior will be presented.

### 1B - Therapeutic Scrapbooking Revisited with a New Bloom: The theory behind the intervention, evidence based outcome measures and an interactive experience to promote your own resilience as a social worker.

**Paula McCarthy, ACSW, LCSW**

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital  
Memphis, TN

**Jill Sebaugh, LCSW**

Formerly from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital  
Memphis, TN

Our social work staff has used therapeutic scrapbooking as an alternative to caregiver support groups for nine years. This interactive session will provide you with all the information you will need to take home this technique and use in a variety of settings. You will also experience the positive impact of therapeutic scrapbooking through a hands-on activity. Please bring photographs of yourself, your work environment, and symbolic items that represent your work. No artistic ability required.

### 1C - Family Decision-Making in Pediatric Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation.

**Wendy Pelletier, MSW**

Alberta Children's Hospital  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

**Pam Hinds, PhD**

Children's National Medical Center  
Washington, DC

**Melissa Alderfer, PhD**

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
Philadelphia, PA

**Kristin Stegenga, PhD**

Children's Mercy Hospital  
Kansas City, MO

**Rebecca Pentz, PhD**

Emory School of Medicine  
Atlanta, GA

Preliminary findings from a multi-site study to develop a data-based, substantive theory of the family decision-making process in stem cell transplantation will be presented. Identifying and analyzing each family member's experience over time, with a focus on perceptions of risk, benefit, satisfaction, regret, and information sharing has comprised the foundation of the study. Quantitative measures have also been employed to measure domains such as isolation, self-esteem, and depression in donors 9-22 years of age.

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

11:45 AM - 1:30 PM

**Regional Networking Luncheon and Business Meeting**

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

1:30 PM - 1:45 PM **Break**

1:45 PM - 3:00 PM **BREAKOUT 2**

### 2A - Employment and Health Insurance Issues for Children, Young Adults, and Caregivers.

**Joanna L. Fawzy Morales, Esq.**

Director, Cancer Legal Resource Center  
Los Angeles, CA

This workshop will cover substantive cancer-related legal issues, including health insurance options for children, young adults, and caregivers, new options and protections in the Affordable Care Act, and employment rights of caregivers and young adults. Attendees will also gain tools to identify cancer-related legal issues for their patients and to offer referral to appropriate resources. Attendees will receive the 2011 *The HCP Manual: A Legal Resource Guide for Oncology Health Care Professionals*.



## 2B - "How Did You Know?" Using Family Diagnosis Narratives to Identify Strengths and Promote Resilience.

**Barbara Abernathy, PhD, LMHC**  
**Holly Carbone, LMFT**

Pediatric Oncology Support Team of the Parent-Child Center, Inc.  
West Palm Beach, FL

Family diagnosis narratives offer social workers a window into meanings families create around their cancer experience, and an opportunity to help families re-author diagnosis narratives into stories of resilience. During this interactive presentation, presenters will review narrative therapy to illustrate how family diagnosis narratives can be used as powerful tools to identify strengths/resources, then re-storied to promote resiliency. Presenters will introduce culturally-diverse case studies from their qualitative research and invite attendees to discuss their experiences.

## 2C - Best Practices and Resources: Supporting the Psychosocial Needs of Families with a Child Undergoing Marrow or Cord Blood Transplant.

**Emily McChesney, MSW, LICSW**  
**Stacy Stickney Ferguson, MSW, LICSW**

National Marrow Donor Program®, Office of Patient Advocacy  
Minneapolis, MN

**Lauren Lux, MSW, LCSW**

University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center,  
Pediatric Oncology  
Chicago, IL

This interaction session will provide an opportunity to learn about the psychosocial needs of families with a child undergoing marrow or cord blood transplant. Strategies and resources available to help social workers address these unique needs will be shared through: literature review, demonstration of how a new DVD resource, Super Sam versus the Marrow Monsters can facilitate psycho-educational discussions with families, and a group discussion for participants to share lessons learned from their own clinical work supporting families undergoing transplant.

**3:00 PM - 7:00 PM**  
**Exhibitors' Fair - Poster Presentations - Silent Auction**

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**  
**Welcome Reception**

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

### P-1 Resilience Through the Story: How to Start a "For Parents, By Parents" Hospital Newsletter; Easily and Affordably.

**Matthew N. Eggen, MSW, LGSW**

The John Hopkins Hospital  
Baltimore, MD

The goal of this presentation is to educate and inform the participants how to start a low-cost, low-stress hospital newsletter following the steps the presenter did to start The John Hopkins Hospital "Kids with Cancer Connection Newsletter". This presentation will allow all the participants to gain insight, learn steps to success, invite discussion about potential impediments, and insight tips how to gain administrative/department support as well as financial backing.

### P-2 Finding Your Voice as a Young Adult Cancer Patient in a Pediatric Hospital.

**Surani Guneratne, MSW, LSW**

**Wanda Meriwether, MSW, LSW**

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center  
Cincinnati, OH

Within the last five years there has been an increase of 135% in young adult cancer patients between the ages of 18 and 30 years of age being treated at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHNC). This presentation will identify the unique set of issues that these young adult patients present with that are different from the typical younger patients being treated in a pediatric hospital. Using audio taped interview with young adult patients and staff we will identify strategies to best deal with these issues as well as address how to educate staff regarding the best way to address the needs of these young adult cancer patients.

### P-3 How to Make Wishes Come True.

**Kerri Merrill, LMSW**  
**Mary Kate Snider, BA**  
**Shavette Turner**

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Georgia and Alabama  
Atlanta, GA

The Make-A-Wish Foundation's primary charitable purpose is to grant the wish of each child who has reached the age of 2.5 years of age and is under age 18 and who has a life-threatening medical condition, i.e., a progressive, degenerative or malignant medical condition that has placed the child's life in jeopardy. Through our presentation we hope to review our referral process, eligibility requirements, up-to-date medical information, and myths regarding Make-A-Wish and volunteer opportunities.

### P-4 Integration of Child Life Play with Groupwork for Caregivers of Children with Children.

**Shihui Tang, Social Worker**

Children's Cancer Foundation  
Singapore, Singapore

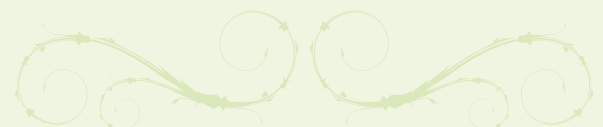
This poster outlines modifications made to groupwork sessions to become more beneficial for caregivers. Sessions incorporated different forms of child life play into traditional groupwork. Consequently, evaluations (n=100) showed an increase in average attendance (10 caregivers per session), 97% of caregivers reported sessions to be meaningful and 70% of caregivers identified one new skill or specific knowledge gained. In conclusion, the modified groupwork resulted in better utility of resources and greater effectiveness in helping caregivers to cope with childhood cancer.

### P-5 The Late Effects Assessment Tool: Helping Survivors Blossom.

**Pam Gabris, RN, BSN**

National Children's Cancer Society  
St. Louis, MO

Social workers will learn that The Late Effect Assessment Tool is an excellent source of information that is easy for survivors to access and navigate. This presentation will highlight: how and why the internet is used for health information, review the efficacy of the tool, those who benefit from this tool, feedback from users and the implication for social work practice.





**P-6 Building Resilience Through Camp: How the Summer Camp Experience Positively Impacts Pediatric Oncology Patients and Their Siblings.**

**Heather DeRousse, LCSW**  
**Stephanie Fooks-Parker, LSW**  
**Morgan Henry LMSW**  
**Heather Van Diest, LSW**

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
Philadelphia, PA  
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center  
Houston, TX

This poster details the pediatric oncology summer camp's impact in the lives of the campers, highlighting how feelings of normalcy are rare for many children with cancer and their siblings who tend to be isolated from their peers and each other during the treatment process. By cultivating resilience they are able to rise above adversity and develop lasting strengths. These children are not immobilized by hardship, but instead rebound and emerge as strong young adults.

**P-7 Comprehensively Supporting Critically Ill Children and Their Families with Financial and Emotional Assistance.**

**Douglas Turk, LMSW**  
**Jessica Dunn, LMSW**  
**Marla Krellenstein, MSW**

Friends of Karen, Inc.  
New York, NY

For the past 32 years, Friends of Karen, Inc. has been supporting families whose children were diagnosed with cancer and other life-threatening conditions. The presentation will introduce and outline the support Friends of Karen provides to these families through advocacy, education, financial and emotional support through the duration of treatment. This support has been provided to the culturally and economically diverse community that makes up the tri-state area surrounding New York City.

**P-8 STOMP OUT SARCOMA: Developing a Board Game to Help Pediatric Sarcoma Patients Process Their Treatment Experience.**

**Mary E. Lane, MSW, LICSW**

Georgetown University Hospital  
Lombardi Cancer Center  
Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology  
Washington, DC

A poster presentation depicting a board game developed to help young sarcoma patients process their cancer treatment experience. Playing pieces advance along a treatment path of chemotherapy, radiation and surgery. Players earn courage points doing PT and OT, dealing with hair loss, talking about worries with parents and interdisciplinary team members. Winner is the one who

accumulates the most courage points. The possibility of relapse is built into the game.

## Day 2 - THURSDAY, May 12, 2011

**7:30 AM - 8:30 AM**  
**Registration**

**7:30 AM - 9:00 AM**  
**Continental Breakfast**

**7:45 AM - 8:00 AM**  
**Announcements**

**8:00 AM - Noon**

### 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. Techniques 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.

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

### 3A - The Impact of Cancer on Quality of Life for Childhood Cancer Survivors.

**Brad Zebrack, PhD, MSW, MPH**  
University of Michigan School of Social Work  
Ann Arbor, MI

A mailed survey of 621 young adult survivors of childhood cancer assessed their quality of life, psychosocial well-being, and perceptions of how cancer has affected them in both positive and negative ways. Results suggest that survivors' perceptions of how cancer has affected their lives are more strongly associated with QOL and distress than actual physical effects or health problems.

### **3B - Where's My Balloon? Providing Psychosocial Support to Pediatric Oncology Patients and Families Undergoing Indefinite Treatment.**

**Tracy Howk, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C**  
**Karen McCarthy, BS, CCLS**

Aflac Cancer Center, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  
Atlanta, GA

Children and families facing treatment without an end point benefit from specific psychosocial interventions as they cope with the reality that cancer treatment is not something that will be completed, but something that must be assimilated into a way of life. This workshop will provide insight into ways to support patients and way of life. This workshop will provide insight into ways to support patients and families as they redefine the spectrum of hope as it relates to indefinite treatment.

### **3C - I know it's an ethical issue...But what do I do with it?**

**Christa Burke, MSW, LCSW**

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center  
Lebanon, NH

Pediatric Oncology Social Workers face unique ethically challenging situations that arise within a multidisciplinary medical setting. The Social Work Code of Ethics encourages social workers to bring the social work values and perspectives to the forefront at times of ethical decision making. This presentation will explore the Code of Ethics, medical ethical decision making and the integration of core social work values when addressing the unique ethical situations in pediatric oncology.

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

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

### **4A - Improvisation: 5 Capacities for Coping with Trauma and Loss in Cancer.**

**Patricia Fennell, MSW, LCSW-R**

Albany Health Management Associates, Inc.  
Albany, NY

Cancers and other chronic illnesses tear at the foundation of the people we know ourselves to be. Through improvisation, artistic expression can help people with cancer develop acceptance and meaning in their experience. This presentation will explore five capacities that are explored through the arts that allow people to respond more effectively to their changed circumstances: (1) tolerate ambiguity, (2) take risks, (3) improvise, and (4) innovate.

### **4B - Resilience in Children: Give Them the Tools and Watch Them Grow.**

**Karen McKinley, PsyD, LCSW**

Churchland Psychiatric Associates  
Portsmouth, VA

The diagnosis of cancer propels children into a world without control. They are taught not to talk to strangers. Then we expect them to share personal details with multiple strangers every day. They sleep in strange places surrounded by beeping machines. Then we wonder why they become anxious and fearful. Clinical hypnotherapy provides a way for children to be the boss of their body and gain a sense of mastery that will extend beyond cancer.

### **4C - Pediatric Oncology Social Workers Reflect Over the Years: Who We Are, What We Do, What We Need.**

**Nancy F. Cincotta, MSW**

Psychosocial Director, Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake  
Casco, ME

Pediatric Oncology Social Workers are a remarkable cohort of professionals who develop tremendous expertise in their work with children with cancer and their families. This paper will examine some of the demographics, patterns, challenges and passions of pediatric oncology social workers in the context of issues they face with the families and the teams with whom they work. These issues will be portrayed from survey data and individual interview material collected over an 18-year period, from 1992-2010.

### **4D - Post Traumatic Growth - Resilience in Siblings of Children with Cancer.**

**Melanie Goldish BA, MA**

SuperSibs!  
Rolling Meadows, IL

This session will address the aspects of Post Traumatic Growth and share first-hand insight as to what support and intervention allowed for resilience and strength of siblings of children with cancer. With an expert panel of teen and young adult siblings, participants will gain first-hand insight regarding what specific interventions were most successful and suggestions for how parents, professionals and educators can best support these important "survivors."

**11:45 AM - Noon**      **Break**

**12:00 PM - 1:30 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.

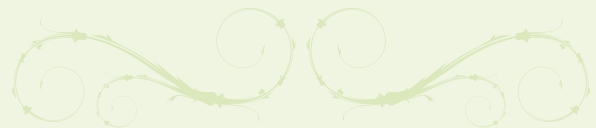
## **Quality of Life Committee Meeting**

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 Special Interest Working Groups (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.

**1:30 PM - 1:45 PM**      **Break**

**1:45 PM - 3:15 PM**

**INTENSIVE SESSION**



## Taking Charge

### Amber Masso BA

American Childhood Cancer Organization (formerly Candlelighters)  
Kensington, MD

Amber Masso is a 24 year old Texas native and five-year survivor of Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She recently dropped everything and put aside her original career goals to move to the Washington D.C. area to help create advocacy and outreach programs for the American Childhood Cancer Organization. Amber is delighted to share how enduring chemotherapy, radiation, and life-threatening treatment complications made her a strong, determined survivor and advocate for young cancer patients and their families.

**3:15 PM - 3:30 PM** Break

**3:30 PM - 4:30 PM**  
**Memorial Service**

**Reception and Banquet starting at 7 PM**  
**Event is included in registration fee.**

## World of Coke

Southern inspired buffet dinner.  
You will also have the opportunity to network with colleagues and browse some of the exhibits at the World of Coke.

Presentation of the 2011 APOSW Social Worker of the Year  
Sponsored by the Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation



# Day 3 - FRIDAY, May 13, 2011

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

**8:15 AM - 8:30 AM**  
**Announcements**

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

## The Journey through Grief and Loss: Helping Yourself and Your Child When Grief Is Shared

**Rob Zucker MA, LCSW, FT**  
Mary Washington Hospice  
Fredericksburg, VA

When adults face a significant loss, they must grapple with their own profound grief, and they are often called upon to nurture and support their grieving children. This presentation addresses important insights into how we can assist the bereaved to manage their grief and mentor their children – even as their lives feel shattered.

**Mr. Zucker will be available for book signing following his presentation.**

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

**10:15 AM - 11:30 AM**  
**SKILL BUILDING**

## SB - A Abstracts 101

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

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

The Board of Directors of APOSW has identified, as part of its mission statement, the responsibility of the organization to provide educational opportunities for the membership in order to foster professional growth. This is accomplished annually during our conference when intensive speakers, breakout presenters, and poster presenters educate our members. Some of our highest quality education comes directly from our own membership. However, not all members feel comfortable with the process of preparing an abstract for submission and then presenting the material. It is the goal of this presentation to offer support and guidelines to any member who is considering abstract submission for their first time. The process of preparing an abstract for submission for presentation/posters will be described. Purpose, content, as well as pitfalls will be addressed.



**10:15 AM - 11:30 AM**  
**SKILL BUILDING**

**SB - B Finding Funding and Expanding the Roles of Oncology Social Workers: Oncology Social Work Practice and Research**

**Ginger Krawiec, MPA**

American Cancer Society, Inc.  
Atlanta, GA

**Jenn Mills, PhD Candidate**

Genetech  
San Francisco, CA

Finding funding for programs and information is increasingly difficult. Since 1989, the American Cancer Society has awarded more than 400 grants to students in training to obtain masters and doctoral degrees in oncology social work. This presentation will highlight the goals of these programs; requirements for students, preceptors and institutions; and key information to ensure a successful application. Pioneer social workers are moving into vital roles at pharmaceutical companies that may create an opportunity for the needs of patients and families we serve to be better addressed. This workshop will also address basic principals of grant writing from the pharmaceutical companies' perspective.

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

**11:45 AM - 1:15 PM**

**Special Interest Working Groups (SIWG)**  
**Box Lunch Provided**

**Select One Group to Attend:**

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

**1:15 PM - 1:30 PM Break**

**1:30 PM - 2:15 PM BREAKOUT 5**

**5A - Teammates for Survivors: Using Creativity, Fun and the Community to Improve the Health of Childhood Cancer Survivors.**

**Allison Schaeffer, LCSW**

REACH for Survivorship Clinic at Vanderbilt  
Nashville, TN

The pediatric oncology team and community organizations joined together to develop Teammates for Survivors, a unique program to address the health of childhood cancer survivors and their families through child-friendly physical and nutrition activities. This interactive presentation will provide stories and pictures of the event, a discussion of step-by-step program planning as well as offer ideas to engage the pediatric oncology and local community in successful program development and implementation.

**5B - Finding the Passion: Growth and Renewal in the Pediatric Social Work Oncology Role.**

**Julie Eggen, LCSW**

Nemours Children's Clinic  
Pensacola, FL

Pediatric Oncology Social Workers enter the field with passionate dedication. Their passion continues to grow if it is nurtured by supportive mentors, positive work environments and healthy boundaries. Growth can be stunted by enmeshment with families, chaotic work settings and conflicts with co-

workers. This session explores the ten personal and environmental characteristics that renew the passion for pediatric oncology profession. Highlights include insights of experts Mother Teresa, Robert Frost, Warren Beatty and Dilbert.

**5C - When a Child Has an Advanced Illness: Utilizing an Interdisciplinary Family-Centered End of Life Care Plan.**

**Marie Rodier, MSW, LICSW**  
**Janet Ziegler, MSW, LICSW**

University of Minnesota Amplatz Children's Hospital  
Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant Program  
Minneapolis, MN

This session covers the development and implementation of practical tools used by an interdisciplinary team to help families of pediatric patients at end of life. The tools identify methods of addressing: patient comfort; creation of personalized environments; support and information for parents and siblings; meaningful memory-making; logistical needs and special requests; and opportunities for rituals and saying goodbye. Presenters will review the tool development and implementation, case examples, and implications for social work practice.

**2:15 PM - 2:30 PM Break**

**2:30 PM - 4:30 PM**  
**ETHICS INTENSIVE**

**Why You Should Bring Your Code of Ethics to Work with You: Applying Ethical Principles and Codes to Cases**

**Rebecca D. Pentz, PhD**

Professor of Hematology and Oncology in Research Ethics  
Emory School of Medicine  
Atlanta, GA

Dr. Pentz's research interests include empirical ethics. She will address: applying basic methods of doing ethics to cases; consequentialism; principle ethics and first and second voice. The National Association of Social Work Code of Ethics, pediatric oncology cases and dilemmas will be explored.

**4:30 PM**  
**Closing Remarks**

**Pat Cornwell, LCSW**

President, APOSW  
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  
Atlanta, GA







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## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

(Conference registration does not include membership fee. If you would like to become a member or renew, please visit our website- www.aposw.org for membership form and details)

FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: (Includes Banquet)	*Until 3/16/2011	3/16/2011 to 4/13/2011	After 4/13/2011
2011 FIRST TIME NEW MEMBER of APOSW	\$380.00	\$380.00	\$380.00
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2011 ASSOCIATE MEMBER (Non Social Work Degree)	\$450.00	\$500.00	\$550.00
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ONE DAY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: Wed. May 11 - Thurs. May 12 - Fri. May 13	*Until 3/16/2011	3/16/2011 to 4/13/2011	After 4/13/2011
2011 APOSW MEMBER	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$250.00
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I would like assistance locating a: male roommate \_\_\_\_\_ female roommate \_\_\_\_\_

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

Wed May 11 Breakout 1	10:15AM - 11:30AM	1A	1B	1C
Wed May 11 Breakout 2	1:45PM - 3:00PM	2A	2B	2C
Thurs May 12 Workshop for New Social Workers	8:00AM - 11:30AM			
Thurs May 12 Breakout 3	9:00AM - 10:15AM	3A	3B	3C
Thurs May 12 Breakout 4	10:30AM - 11:45AM	4A	4B	4C 4D
Fri May 13 Skill Building	10:15AM - 11:30AM	SB - A		SB - B
Fri May 13 Breakout 5	1:30PM - 2:15PM	5A	5B	5C

### NETWORKING LUNCHEON: Wed May 11 11:45AM - 1:30PM

Will attend \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENT: Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Vegan \_\_\_\_\_ Kosher \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will not attend \_\_\_\_\_

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS Thurs May 12 Noon - 1:30PM

Will attend \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENT: Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Vegan \_\_\_\_\_ Kosher \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will not attend \_\_\_\_\_

### SPECIAL INTEREST WORKING GROUP: Fri May 13 11:45AM - 1:15PM

Will attend \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENT: Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Vegan \_\_\_\_\_ Kosher \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will not attend \_\_\_\_\_

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### BANQUET: Registration for the banquet is not available after April 28th

Will attend \_\_\_\_\_ Will not attend \_\_\_\_\_

### Will bring a guest (additional cost \$55.00/person)

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