

## Emotional Support for the Whole Family: Pediatric Psychosocial Oncology

The experience of a serious illness can be challenging for the whole family, and it's normal for children, parents, siblings, and other caregivers to feel a range of emotions and need support. Our experts in Pediatric Psychosocial Oncology are here to support you and your family's emotional health as you manage cancer or another serious illness.

As a part of a child's ongoing care at Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center, a clinical social worker or psychologist will meet with your family to get to know you and discuss what psychosocial services may be useful. You may also meet with a resource specialist regarding eligibility for resource assistance programs. Psychiatrists are available for consultation if needed.

### We can help your family:

- Adjust to the illness
- Talk about the diagnosis
- Cope with treatment and its side effects
- Manage mood changes and behavioral challenges
- Learn to ease stress and anxiety
- Address school concerns
- Support siblings
- Make the transition off of active treatment

Your family's needs may change over time, and our team will work with you to make sure that you get the individual support you need throughout treatment.

We meet with patients and families in the Jimmy Fund Clinic and in inpatient areas at Boston Children's Hospital. If you have a specific psychosocial need or just want to learn more, please talk with your social worker, psychologist, or psychiatrist. Or call 617-632-6080 and ask to speak with a psychosocial provider.

If you have financial concerns related to your child's care at Dana-Farber/Boston Children's, including questions regarding insurance, transportation, or accommodations, please talk with your Resource Specialist. Or call 617-632-6080 and ask to speak with a member of the resource team.

[www.danafarberbostonchildrens.org/psychosocial](http://www.danafarberbostonchildrens.org/psychosocial)

## Contact Us

**For patient care assistance, please call the following phone numbers:**

- Jimmy Fund Clinic (617) 632-3270  
Business Hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
- Page Operator (617) 632-3352  
Off hours: weekdays after 5 p.m., holidays, and weekends  
Page pediatric hematology/oncology fellow on call
- Life Threatening Emergencies dial 911