

MSK Direct

NEW BENEFIT ALERT

Talking with Children about Cancer:

Support for School Professionals



The UFT Welfare Fund (UFTWF) has expanded its collaboration with Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK) to offer New York City public school professionals access to the Talking with Children about Cancer program.

Through telephonic consultation and educational group workshops, experienced MSK oncology social workers provide members with the tools they need to support students and families who have a loved one with cancer. When a parent or caregiver is diagnosed with cancer, children and teenagers are profoundly impacted. School staff are often the first to notice changes in a student's behavior or mood. Being a source of comfort during this challenging time is vital to a child's emotional well-being.

Members can access Talking with Children about Cancer by calling the UFTWF's dedicated telephone line: **844-350-5034**. You will be able to speak with an MSK social worker within one business day.

CONTACT TALKING WITH CHILDREN ABOUT CANCER IF YOU:

- work in a school as a teacher, guidance counselor, social worker, psychologist, paraprofessional, nurse, etc. and
- would like guidance on how to support and communicate with students and families who have an adult in their life with cancer

Guided access to expert cancer treatment is also offered through MSK Direct as a benefit to UFT members and their families seeking cancer care. For more information, visit www.uftwf.org or call the UFTWF Health and Cancer Helpline at **212-539-0500** to answer any questions and to provide support services.

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