

Communicating With Children

A Pathfinder

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Pamphlets

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Books for Children

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Teenagers Face to Face with Bereavement. Gravelle K. WS 462 G775T 1989.

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- How to Help Children Through a Parent's Serious Illness. McCue K. BF 723 .P25 M133H 1994.
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Video

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- My Mom Has Breast Cancer: A Guide for Families. King B. WP 870 VHS 1133 1996.
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- We Can Cope When a Parent Has Cancer (parent tape). Harpham WS, et al.
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Web Sites

Kids Konnected

<http://www.kidskonnected.org>

This site gives friendship, understanding, education and support to kids who have a parent with cancer.

CancerCare for Kids[®]

http://www.cancercare.org/get_help/special_progs/cc_for_kids.php

This site offers practical support, education and advice to parents and counseling to children and teens to help them understand cancer.

People Living With Cancer

<http://www.plwc.org>

Go to the *Coping* section for resources to help discuss cancer with children.