

SURVIVORSHIP PRIORITY AREA WORKGROUP

Cancer Alliance
of Texas

Due to advances in early detection and treatment, there are more cancer survivors today than ever before. More than 900,000 Texans are cancer survivors, according to research by the Texas Department of State Health Services.¹ As this population continues to grow, so does the need for access to survivorship programs and services.

Purpose Statement

To improve the health and well-being of cancer patients and their circles of support from the point of diagnosis through treatment and beyond.

Texas Cancer Plan (Plan) Goal

The Survivorship Priority Area Workgroup (PAW) helps address the following goals from the Plan:

- Increase adoption of healthy behaviors to reduce new cases and deaths from cancers related to nutrition, physical activity, and obesity.
- Increase timely access to quality cancer diagnostic, treatment, and palliation services for all Texans.
- Promote overall health and well-being of people affected by cancer.

Current Activities

Members of the Survivorship PAW work together on the following activities:

- Increase standardized training for and the engagement of community health workers (CHWs) in the care of cancer survivors and the education of patients and communities about survivorship issues, tools, and resources.
- Identify existing cancer survivorship curricula for CHWs.
- Adopt, adapt, or develop cancer survivorship curriculum for CHWs.
- Develop a business case for hiring and engaging CHWs in cancer survivorship.
- Promote the engagement of CHWs to health systems, local health departments, and other organizations.

Are you interested in joining the Survivorship PAW?

To become a member, email the Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (CancerControl@dshs.texas.gov).

¹Cancer in Texas 2022. Texas Cancer Registry | Texas Department of State Health Services. dshs.texas.gov/texas-cancer-registry. Accessed March 2023.



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