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New Program at UAMS Offers Support to Children of Cancer Patients

LITTLE ROCK — A new group to help children cope with a parent’s cancer diagnosis is set to begin Oct. 2 at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

CLIMB, which stands for Children’s Lives Include Moments of Bravery, will be offered from 5-7 p.m. for six Tuesdays starting Oct. 2 in the UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute. There is no cost to participate, and pre-registration is required. To register, call Carrie Calhoon, LCSW, at 501-603-1612.

Separate groups for children ages 6-12 and their parents meet simultaneously and are led by oncology social workers. Siblings are welcome to attend together.

While the children’s group includes art projects and sharing intended to help process feelings of sadness, anxiety, fear and anger, the adult group focuses on ways to support their child’s ability to cope with their parent’s illness.

CLIMB is a national program sponsored by The Children’s Treehouse Foundation.

UAMS is the state’s only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; northwest Arkansas regional campus; statewide network of regional centers; and six institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging and Translational Research Institute. It is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has 2,727 students, 822 medical residents and five dental residents. It is the state’s largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses throughout the state, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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