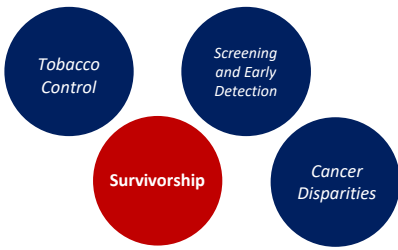


# Cancer Alliance of Texas Priority Area Workgroups Spotlight On: Survivorship



**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 GOALS

The Survivorship Priority Area Workgroup is focused on the following goals from the *Texas Cancer Plan*:

- **Goal 2:** Increase adoption of healthy behaviors to reduce new cases and deaths from cancers related to nutrition, physical activity, and obesity
- **Goal 12:** Increase timely access to quality cancer diagnostic, treatment, and palliation services for all Texans
- **Goal 13:** Promote overall health and well-being of people affected by cancer

## MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- The University of Texas at Austin – Dell Medical School
- American Cancer Society
- The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
- The University of Texas at Austin – School of Nursing
- Spring Branch Community Health Center
- Baylor College of Medicine – Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Dia de la Mujer Latina, Inc.
- Breast Cancer Resource Center
- Texas Health and Human Services
- Texas Department of State Health Services

## LEADERSHIP

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## CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Increase standardized training for and the utilization 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 utilizing CHWs in cancer survivorship
- Promote the utilization of CHWs to health systems, local health departments, and other organizations

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SURVIVORSHIP PRIORITY AREA WORKGROUP?

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