

Virginia Childhood Cancer Advocacy Day

Sample Messages & Scripts



Call the legislatures assigned to you. If your time permits, please use the Targeted Legislator Directory to reach out to additional key legislatures identified.

Reminders:

- Share your story to make a deeper and more meaningful impact.
- Be respectful and bipartisan in your outreach.
- Be sure to say thank the listener for their time and support.
- If you don't know the answer to a question, tell the person we'll follow up with an answer. You can send questions to Amy Godkin at agodkin@askccf.org.

SAMPLE CALL SCRIPT

When calling a Senator or Delegate from the Targeted Legislature Directory, please use this script template:

Hello, I'm calling **Senator/Delegate Name** as a **Insert Your Role (parent/survivor/ volunteer/title)** for **Provide Context (child/organization/workplace)** to thank you for including children with cancer in the state budget for the first time. YOU helped Virginia make history!

Your support has given ASK the ability to place five pediatric cancer education support navigators in pediatric treatment centers across the state. These navigators will help every young cancer patient in Virginia transition back to school during and after treatment by:

1. Creating a bridge between the patient's medical team and their school.
2. Assess patients' developmental and educational strengths
3. Identifying accommodations and strategies that will support the child's return to school.
4. Educate school personnel on the late effects from cancer treatment.

This work will bridge the cognitive and physical gap that two thirds of kids with cancer develop from the impact of treatment, along with the 43 days that they miss on average from school during this first year of treatment.

SHARE YOUR PERSONAL STORY HERE

Because of you, Virginia is a shining case study for other states to replicate and provide this important work for children everywhere to have access to these important resources. Thank you!

