

ACTION DAYS 2026 REQUESTS FOR CONGRESS

Protect Federal Funding for Childhood Cancer Research

Children with cancer rely on stable, federally funded research to discover new, less toxic treatments. Due to the smaller patient populations, drug companies do not have as strong an incentive to invest in new childhood cancer treatments and cures as they do for adults. As a result, grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI) awarded to research institutions around the country must fill the gap. Support from the NIH also funds the critical research infrastructure that makes nearly all childhood cancer research possible. The Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) ensures that innovative ideas and research opportunities are quickly developed and implemented. Children with cancer and their families cannot wait.

- Stable federal funding is the lifeline for childhood cancer research and clinical trials
- 80% of the 14,000 newly diagnosed children and adolescents each year rely on research institutions to provide life-saving care, with more than half enrolling in clinical trials.
- Federal research institutions, including the NIH, NCI, and ARPA-H, are critical in our efforts to find new discoveries, treatments, and cures for childhood cancer.
- **We urge Congress to provide \$35 million for the Childhood Cancer STAR Act and \$100 million for the Childhood Cancer Data Initiative (CCDI) for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27).**
- **We urge Congress to provide \$51.3 billion for the NIH and \$7.9 billion for the NCI for FY27.**
- **We urge Congress to provide \$1.5 billion for ARPA-H for FY27.**

Thank You for Supporting the Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act and the Mikaela Naylor Give Kids a Chance Act!

This year, Congress passed legislation that included the Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act and the Mikaela Naylor Give Kids a Chance Act. These two bills have important provisions related to pediatric drug development, clinical trials, and access to care. Together, they represent the most influential childhood cancer legislation since the passage of the original Childhood Cancer STAR Act. This is a huge victory for the childhood cancer community and a tremendous show of support from our congressional champions.

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