

How to Help Children Through a Parent's Serious Illness, 240 pages, 9780312146191, 1996, Kathleen McCue, Ron Bonn, St. Martin's Press, 1996

A parent's serious illness is one of the most difficult challenges a child can face. Life at home may change overnight. For some children, school can be a refuge—a place where life goes on as before. For others, worries about the parent may result in changes in the child's behavior and in his or her ability to handle school work and relationships with peers. It contains suggestions for how parents can communicate with and help their children, and guidance about communication with the school and others in the school community. It also contains templates for letters that parents may use to communicate information about their illness and privacy choices to school staff. Children are Strong Three things to tell your children Chapter 4: Help! How to Give it, Where to Get it Preparing your children and getting help Using Web pages to help update friends and family Getting help from your children. Chapter 9: Dealing w/ a Parent's Mental Illness. Chapter 8: Chronic Illness. Be warm. sympathetic. confident. trustworthy. open. Outcomes for children vary according to factors related to a parent's mental illness as well as certain environmental protective and risk factors, related to the family, social support and community. Health care workers need to acknowledge their patients' parenting roles and responsibilities and the needs of other family members, especially children. Discover the world's research. 20+ million members. 135+ million publications. 700k+ research projects. Join for free. It was like a handbook to help guide me and my children through this awful time. It has been 11 years since my husband's death and my children are both happy, healthy and amazing adults. I have read many books on dying and grief and this is by far the most helpful and useful resource I have found. There are so many books designed to help children and parents with a child's illness but practically nothing available to help the children of adult patients deal with an adult illness, accident, or death. Kathleen and Ron are skillful and concise in sharing dozens of pointers and case examples that will help any adult in this situation.