

LIVESTRONG Survey Overview

In 2006 and 2010, the Lance Armstrong Foundation launched surveys to assess the post-treatment needs of cancer survivors. These surveys went beyond identifying whether not a person had experienced a concern to further understand who was providing help for concerns and how well that help met their needs as well as why help was not received for some concerns experienced.

In 2012, the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) is releasing a shorter more targeted version of our LIVESTRONG Survey. This version of the survey will focus specifically on the practical concerns of survivorship, namely issues with finances, insurance, employment and school. To develop this survey, the Foundation coordinated with NCI, OBSSR, CDC, ACS, and AHRQ to include elements of the Experiences with Cancer Survivorship supplement of the Medical Expenditures Panel Survey (MEPS).

In addition, LAF is working with other partner organizations and researchers to ensure that the data we collect will be useful and not duplicative.

LAF released the survey in June 2012 and it will be open until December 31, 2012. We plan to do a number of promotions throughout the remainder of the year to try and get as wide an audience as possible in the survey. Our outreach strategy includes reaching out to other non-profit organizations to recruit for the survey, specifically targeting groups where there were identified gaps in the first iteration of the survey.

Once the data have been collected over the year, we will plan to analyze, use internally, and publish on the findings, but we also plan to share the data with researchers in the field of survivorship. The more participants we have from any particular community, whether it is geographic or shared traits (i.e. young adults), the richer the dataset will be when we share it.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

1. Promote the survey through your organization/institution: June 15th – December 31st
 - LAF will provide a toolkit with content for an email, a newsletter, as well as Facebook post and Twitter post (tweet) to be shared

If you have any questions about the survey or would like to be involved, please email research@livestrong.org.