



Where caring is the best medicine  
for kids with cancer.

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## SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL TRANSITION INITIATIVE (SAVTI)

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### Description

The Successful Academic and Vocational Transition Initiative (SAVTI) was a pilot project implemented in partnership with George Brown College and in collaboration with the Hospital for Sick Children. It is designed to assist childhood cancer survivors who have developed learning difficulties as a result of their disease and/or treatment to achieve their educational and career goals.

### Need

75 per cent of children with cancer survive. Unfortunately, approximately 50 per cent of survivors experience some form of late effect caused by their disease and/or treatment, including neurocognitive impairments. Such neurocognitive impairments impact the survivor's ability to successfully transfer into post-secondary learning or the work environment. These survivors may require education and career counseling, transitional assistance and support throughout the course of their career and lives.

### Purpose of SAVTI

The aim of SAVTI is to facilitate the smooth transition of cancer survivors as they transition to post-secondary education and/or employment. SAVTI staff help cancer survivors to:

- Assess their career options
- Gain access to post-secondary academic and vocational programs
- Develop personal strategies for success
- Access resources for funding and support in order to achieve their educational and/or career objectives

### Goals

POGO and SAVTI are committed to helping survivors achieve academic and vocational success. Currently, steps are being taken to provide SAVTI services on a provincial level.

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