Sallie Sanborn has been a therapist and advocate for children for the last 25 years. Her practice covers all areas of behavior and development with a specialization in issues related to illness, injury, and loss. What makes her practice unique is her developmental perspective combined with the knowledge of how illness and loss can impact all aspects of a child’s life. The work often includes the child, siblings, parents and grandparents, as well as teachers and the medical team. She fosters a collaborative team approach in providing the support.

Sallie continues to be part of the Ongoing Care Team of the Making Headway Foundation, which provides services for children and families affected by brain and spinal cord tumors. She has given numerous talks and workshops for schools and agencies on a wide array of issues impacting children and families. She has co-written a chapter on the trauma of hospitalization for the book Play Therapy for Children in Crisis, edited by Nancy Boyd-Webb. She also was featured in and wrote the afterword and resource guide for The Goldfish Went On Vacation: a Memoir of Loss and Learning to Tell the Truth About it, by Patty Dann.

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