

Death & Grief Education

Free Evening Event

Supporting the Grieving Family

February 23, 2016 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Bryan Medical Center - East Campus, Plaza Conference Center
1500 S. 48th Street, Lincoln

This program is offered at no cost to participants, but registration is appreciated. Register online at bryanhealth.org/calendar or by calling 402-481-8886.

Virtually all children and teens experience the death of a friend or family member at some point in their childhood. Even though grief is a normative experience, a significant loss can have a substantial impact on psychological adjustment, academic achievement, and personal development. This presentation will provide insight into how bereaved children and teens can come to understand and adjust to a loss. Practical suggestions on how parents, grandparents, teachers, friends, practitioners and other caregivers in a child's life can talk with bereaved children and adolescents, while providing needed support to the whole family will also be offered during the free evening program.

David J. Schonfeld, MD, FAAP

Dr. Schonfeld is a developmental-behavioral pediatrician and Director of the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement, located at the University of Southern California School of Social Work. He is Professor of the Practice in the School of Social Work and Pediatrics at USC Children's Hospital Los Angeles.



Dr. Schonfeld is also a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council and served as a Commissioner for both the National Commission on Children and Disasters and the Sandy Hook Advisory Commission in CT. He was President of the Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics from 2006-7. Dr. Schonfeld is also Visiting/Honorary Faculty at the Università del Piemonte Orientale (Novara, Italy) and Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Brussels, Belgium) and coordinates the mental health component of the European Masters in Disaster Medicine course in Italy. In 2005, Dr. Schonfeld was awarded funding by the September 11th Children's Fund and the National Philanthropic Trust to establish a National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement; funding from the New York Life Foundation is allowing the Center to provide ongoing and expanded services. The goal of the NCSCB is to promote an appreciation of the role schools can serve to support students, staff and families at times of crisis and loss; to collaborate with organizations and agencies to further this goal; and to serve as a resource for information, training materials, consultation, and technical assistance.

Day-Long Workshop

Supporting Students and Communities at Times of Crisis and Loss

February 24, 2016 | 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Jack J Huck Continuing Education Center
301 S. 68th St. Pl., Lincoln

Crisis and loss disrupts the lives of our students, whether due to a death or crisis involving a student's individual family or one that affects the entire community. These experiences can have a significant impact on a child's or teen's capacity to learn in the classroom setting which can be supported with relatively simple accommodations.

Classroom educators and other school professionals play a vital role in providing important support to students. This support promotes understanding of the event and helps them learn coping strategies to accelerate their adjustment, minimizing their distress and reducing maladaptive coping mechanisms and behavioral difficulties.

Yet, most educators and other school professionals have had limited professional training in how to support students in the aftermath of crisis and loss. This workshop will help classroom educators, school crisis teams, social workers and counselors, clergy, bereavement coordinators, human service organizations, mentorship programs and other professionals who work with grieving individuals learn skills in how to talk with and support individual students or the entire class/school as they struggle to understand and cope with a crisis or loss in their lives.

These same skills and techniques can be utilized by health professionals, counselors, police and others who support families that have experienced trauma and/or loss, whether due to a personal family crisis or a community-wide event.

Dr. David J Schonfeld will draw on over 25 years of experience in pediatric bereavement and school crisis response to provide examples and answer questions from participants.

How to register

Call 402-437-2700 to register or email continuinged@seu.edu to have a brochure mailed to you. You can also visit us online at www.southeast.edu and type "mourning hope" in the search bar.

Fee

\$99 (lunch will be provided). Fee increases to \$109 after February 17. CEUs will be available for this program.

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