

MOURNING HOPE SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAM

Agreement between Mourning Hope and _____

A facilitator from Mourning Hope and a school counselor/social worker at _____ will co-facilitate an 8-week grief support group for a small group of students.

Responsibilities of **School**

- The school's principal and counselor/social worker will enthusiastically promote the program to teachers in the school.
- The school agrees to provide a private space, consistently available at the same time each week for a group of up to 12 students and 2 facilitators.
- The school will allow students to leave class for each of the 8 scheduled group meetings.
- The school's counselor/social worker/experienced personnel will maintain regular communication with Mourning Hope, including advance notification of any potential conflicts (for example testing days).
- The school's counselor/social worker/experienced personnel will participate in each group session.
- The school will identify students who could be eligible for the group, and will contact those students' parents/guardians to share information and obtain necessary written permission (Mourning Hope will provide a template letter).
- The school's principal will provide a time and space for Mourning Hope to conduct a staff development in-service at the school about the grief support program and will require the staff to attend.
- The school will permit counselor/social worker/experienced personnel to participate in a 3-4 hour grief training in-service in preparation to co-facilitating the grief group.
- The school's principal, counselor/social worker and related personnel will participate in a post-program review meeting to evaluate the pilot program and assess the potential for future school-based grief groups within the school setting.
- The principal will provide an area within the school building for the Mourning Hope facilitator and the counselor/social worker/experienced personnel to meet students and their families for a brief orientation to the program (as needed).
- In the event that a student indicates suicidal ideation, threatens to harm self or others, or reports abuse/neglect, the school counselor/social worker will follow up with the proper notification procedures as required by school policies, Duty to Warn and Nebraska Child Protection Law.

Responsibilities of Mourning Hope

- Mourning Hope will enthusiastically support the school and its commitment to grieving children and their families.
- Mourning Hope will provide an 8-week curriculum for the grief group and will supply all supplies/materials needed for the pilot program.
- Mourning Hope will facilitate a staff development training for the school's staff to discuss the needs of grieving children as well as explain the purpose and benefits of the group.
- Mourning Hope will provide a 3-4 hour grief training session to Lincoln Public School staff who are interested in co-facilitating a grief group.
- Mourning Hope staff will contact student parents/guardians by phones who have given permission for their child to participate in the group.
- Mourning Hope will provide a qualified/experienced group facilitator to co-facilitate the small group with a school counselor/social worker.
- Mourning Hope will provide evaluation forms for group participants, their families and school personnel involved in the program.
- Mourning Hope will schedule an orientation meeting with students and their families before the small group sessions begin at Mourning Hope or within a designated area within the school.
- In the event that a student indicates suicidal ideation, threatens to harm self or others, reports abuse/neglect, Mourning Hope's staff/facilitator will complete a Safety Concern Form. This form will be given to the school counselor/social worker for purposes of record keeping and documentation.

<u>School</u>		<u>Mourning Hope</u>	
Principal	Date	Executive Director	Date
Counselor/Social Worker	Date	Program Coordinator	Date
		Mourning Hope Facilitator	Date

