

# Fall Conference & Webcast

## on Children's Grief

### Mourning Hope and NAGC to Host Webcast on Grief & Urban Youth

***November is Children's Grief Awareness Month. Join us for this Live Webcast on Children's Grief!***

For Children's Grief Awareness Month, the **Mourning Hope Grief Center**, in collaboration with the **National Alliance for Grieving Children**, will host a Fall Webcast on Children's Grief.

#### **Understanding the Impact of Death, Dying, and Bereavement among Urban Youth Populations**

Death, dying, and bereavement in urban communities are themes that appear almost daily in news headlines. Rarely is there any discussion on a national level as to how this impacts the lives of children and teenagers living in urban communities. However, death in the family and in the community has a huge impact on the daily lives of urban youth.

This presentation will provide insight into the challenges faced by urban children and teenagers grieving the death of people in their lives and in their communities. Education, Mental Health, Funeral Service, Religious and Bereavement Professionals have a unique opportunity to provide support and understanding to youth in the urban community.

Our panel of three professionals living and working with children and teenagers in high need urban communities will share their personal experience working with this population. They will share information about the impact of grief on the lives of urban youth, and provide insight into how to help bereaved youth in the urban community in culturally informed and sensitive ways.

#### **Panelists**

**Leon Henry** is the Violence Reduction Manager for Operation Cease Fire, an initiative specifically aimed at reducing youth gun violence. Mr. Henry brings over 25 years' experience working in underserved communities, with an emphasis on addressing community responses to violence in their neighborhoods.

**Alesia K. Alexander, MSW, LCSW, CT** is the founder and Executive Director of Project KARMA, Inc., a non-profit organization created to support at-risk young people aged 5-18, facing loss and possible gang involvement.

**Kaaren Andrews** is the principal at Seattle's "last-chance high school", Interagency Academy, an alternative high school for at-risk teens.



## Thursday, November 3, 2016

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**Where:** Firespring  
1201 Infinity Court  
Lincoln, NE 68512

**Time:** 11:00 am- 4:00 pm CST

**Cost:** \$25 (covers webcast, materials and lunch)

**CEs:** An additional \$25 for Psychologists, Counselors, MFT's & Social Workers wishing to gain 4.5 CEs. (\$50 total if you want to attend and receive CEs)

**Lunch:** A free boxed lunch is included with all registrations.

**Parking:** Free parking is available on site.

**Register:** Call Mourning Hope at 402.488.8989 to register or email [hope@mourninghope.org](mailto:hope@mourninghope.org). Please indicate if CEs are being requested.

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