

# Certificate Program in Children's Grief and Bereavement



## LIVE WEBINAR SERIES

**When:** September 17, October 20, November 26, 2020 and January 19 and February 23, 2021

**Lead by:** Andrea Warnick, RN., MA., RP.

### ABOUT THE CERTIFICATE

Grief is a confusing and isolating experience for any person, old or young. Children's grief however, differs considerably from adult grief, resulting in the needs of grieving children often being overlooked or misunderstood. This can have a profound impact on the social and emotional development of a child. Caregivers, including the most skilled professionals, often feel helpless when supporting children through the death of someone close to them.

The **Certificate Program in Children's Grief and Bereavement** is comprised of five individual webinars that explore the roots of our cultural discomfort with the topic of children and death and exposes common myths and misconceptions. This certificate program equips participants with the skills to provide support to children, youth and families grieving the dying or death of someone they care about. Adults cannot change the reality of a death occurring in a child's life, but with the right tools they can play a powerful role in shaping the story of the child's grief experience and therefore help the child thrive in life. [Read more](#)

**This training is suitable for:** Any professional or volunteer who is in a position to influence the support received by a grieving child. This includes front-line workers, medical professionals, educators, clergy, social workers, administrators, residential workers, counsellors, funeral service providers and hospice volunteers.

**This training is facilitated by:** Andrea Warnick, RN., MA., RP., Liana Lowenstein, MSW., RSW., CPT-S., Lysa Toye, MSW., RSW., and Rev. Andrew Blake.

### FACILITATORS:



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## AGENDA:

Registration is still open for the individual webinars still to come in 2020 and 2021!

### September 17, 2020: Children at the Beside: Preparing children for the death of someone close to them

- The roots of our societal discomfort with the topic of children and death.
- Myths and misconceptions which create barriers to children being included at the bedside of someone who is dying.
- Practical strategies and creative approaches for preparing children for a death, including a death through medical assistance in dying.

### October 20, 2020: When Death Darkens the Door: Supporting bereaved children and youth

- Innovative and practical tips for helping children/youth understand the concept of death, and for supporting their grief process.
- Strategies for preparing children/youth for funerals, memorials and other ceremonies.
- What not to say to a bereaved child or youth.

### November 26, 2020: When Grief Gets More Complicated

- Support strategies and resources for some of the harder-to-serve populations of grieving children and youth such as those with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, Learning Disability, and/or grief related to suicide.
- Ways of identifying Childhood Traumatic Grief (CTG).

### January 19, 2021: Using Mindfulness and Compassion to Support Grieving Children and Families

- Essential skills in bringing mindfulness, healthy empathy, and compassion into their lives.
- Strategies for developing open presence and deep listening to their work.
- Benefits and limitations of empathy and compassion through the lens of neuroscience, including how mindfulness enables us to remain grounded and open in the face of suffering and distress.
- Mindfulness practices that can be incorporated into clinical work with children, youth and families.

### February 23, 2021: Dancing in the Darkness: Creative approaches to working with grieving children/youth

- Creative approaches to supporting children and youth who are grieving the dying/death of someone.
- Art and play based strategies.
- Strategies for supporting grieving children and youth in schools.

#### REGISTRATION FEES:

Certificate fees:

General: \$1,200 | Student: \$1,080

Individual webinar fees:

General: \$250

Group: 10% discount (5 or more)

Student rates may be available

#### ONLINE REGISTRATION:

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