
Support for children and teens as survivors of loss & traumatic events

By the time students complete high school, most will experience the death of a family member or friend; with 5% of children experiencing the death of a parent by 16 years of age. Nearly 40% will experience a death of a peer; 20% will have witnessed a death.

Partnering with Schools

Schools can often be the best setting to provide services to students (and staff) after a loss that affects a student or school community:

1. Schools provide a familiar & convenient environment
2. Large numbers of students can be served
3. Students coping after a loss can be monitored over time and referrals for clinical services can be facilitated as needed

If you would like to support this grief outreach to children and teens, please make donations payable to

The Hope & Care Foundation

-the Not-for-Profit partner of

Hospice of the Pines-

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*Free student grief counseling
and groups offered in school
settings, homes and at the
Step One Community Center
3343 N. Windsong Dr.
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314*

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GRIEVING STUDENTS

Living with Loss

Loss for children and teens can come in many shapes and sizes - loss of a loved one, loss of family structure, moving to a new town, etc. Sharing their stories among peers who have similar struggles brings hope and strength for their journey.

Goals of children/teen grief support:

1. Help students identify feelings related to loss
2. Teach students how to express feelings appropriately
3. Work at developing coping and communication skills

Short-term age appropriate groups meet weekly either during school or after school:

Elementary: 2 - 4 weeks

Middle School: 4 - 6 weeks

Senior High: 6 - 8 weeks

In a grieving student, the following changes in behavior and/or occurrence of symptoms constitute a high-risk student for whom a referral for grief support may be appropriate:

- *Drop in grades
- *Angry outbursts
- *Hyperactivity
- *Depression
- *Discussions about wanting to die
- *Changes in physical symptoms
- *Feelings of guilt
- *Lack of communication
- *Identity change
- *Isolation or withdrawal
- *Use of drugs or alcohol

Grief & Loss Inservice

Education and training is offered for school staff on supporting students struggling with grief and loss. Upon request, this can include establishing a collaborative plan for crisis response.

Adult Living with Loss Groups

Groups are free and open to the public

Prescott Adult Center - Rosser Street

Mondays 5:30 - 7p.m.

Prescott Valley - Step One Center

Tuesdays 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Chino Valley Senior Center

Thursdays 12:30pm - 2p.m.

Cottonwood - Verde Valley Senior Center

Wednesdays 1 - 2:30p.m.

Mayer Senior Center

Tuesdays 12:30p.m. - 2p.m.

Sedona United Methodist Church

Wednesdays 10:30a.m. - 11:30a.m.