

# Supporting the Bereaved Student: A Practical Training for School Personnel

## Friday, November 15, 2019 8 am to Noon

San Diego Continuing Education: Cesar Chavez, 1901 Main Street, San Diego, CA 92113

This course meets the qualifications for 4 hours of continuing education credit for school counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, teachers, and school administrators.

## **Course Description**

One in fourteen children will experience the death of a parent or sibling before the age of 18 (CEBM, 2019). According to a 2012 groundbreaking survey from the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) in partnership with New York Life Foundation, 7 out of 10 classroom teachers had a student who was grieving the death of someone significant in their classes in the past year and 93% of those teachers reported not receiving any childhood bereavement training. It was found that 63% of school staff reported that they would do more to support their students if they were trained. This course will offer psychoeducation, insights, and interventions to effectively support students who are grieving.

## **Educational Objectives**

- 1. Determine prevalence and supportive strategies for grieving students
- 2. Identify key interventions to utilize in a school-setting after the death of a student or faculty member
- 3. Implement a bereavement plan of care for students who are impacted by grief and loss

#### **Presenter**

*Melissa Lunardini, MA, MBA*, is Children's Bereavement Manager for The Elizabeth Hospice where she oversees the largest children's bereavement program in San Diego and Southwest Riverside Counties, supporting children and their families through their grief journey. With focused interest in violent death, she is a sought-after crisis intervention resource for school professionals. Melissa is a national training consultant for Boys and Girls Club of America and serves on the Marketing Committee for the National Alliance for Grieving Children.

## **Target Audience**

School counselors, psychologists, school nurses, teachers, and school administrators

#### Cost

\$100 4 CE credits Free No CE credits

## **Refund/Cancellation Policy**

Registration fee will be refunded in full if cancelled at least 24 hours prior to the event.

## **REGISTER:**

https://the-elizabeth-hospice.ticketleap.com/bereavedstudent/

#### **Accommodations**

To request accommodations for special needs, email the Program Administrator at griefinfo@ehospice.org

### **Certificates**

These courses meets the qualifications for 4 hours each of continuing education credit for school counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, teachers and school administrators.

A course completion certificate will be awarded at the end of the course in exchange for a completed evaluation form.

#### **Grievances**

To obtain the grievance policy or report at grievance, email the Program Administrator at griefinfo@ehospice.org

For more information, contact us at 760.504.2303 or Jessica.Porte@ehospice.org

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The Elizabeth Hospice, a nonprofit healthcare leader in San Diego County and Southwest Riverside County, provides comfort and counsel to children and adults who are facing the challenges associated with a lifethreatening illness and restores hope to grieving children and adults who are feeling lost and alone.

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