



National Council for Hospice and Palliative Professionals

BEREAVEMENT PROFESSIONAL SECTION

NCHPP: What is it?



- **NCHPP is a collaborative of 15 discipline specific professional sections advancing end-of-life care within their disciplines.**
- **NCHPP's on-line resources, forums and networking will help you grow professionally, find new solutions, contribute to the field, and elevate the national profile of your program.**

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- Professional communities
- Discussion Posts
- Monthly Chats
- Library entries
- Blog

Please contact us...



- if you have questions about membership
- if you have topics you would like us to discuss
- if you would like a mentor
- if you would like to become a section committee member

Serving the Community



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Bereavement education and supportive services are offered to the community at large.

- IA 3.1 The hospice is recognized as a community education and resource for bereavement.
- IA 3.2 Bereavement services are accessible to anyone in need of support, regardless of whether they received hospice services.
- IA 3.3 Bereavement expertise is offered to community members and organizations impacted by loss.
- IA 3.4 Targeted community education is provided.

Serving the Community



As a vital community resource in end-of-life care and grief and bereavement services, hospices also contribute to the health and well-being of their communities by addressing community bereavement needs.

Hospices should strive to collaborate with, assist, and support existing community agencies, programs, and services that provide similar services.

Types of Community Services



- **Consultations to local media reporting on community grief issues**
- **Grief education seminars**
- **Professional education seminars**
- **Provision of written information and audiovisual resources related to coping with loss and grief**
- **Grief library**

Types of Community Services



- Bereavement counseling
- Provision of (or referral to) support groups (*e.g., Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); Compassionate Friends; Survivors of Suicide (SOS); National Organization of Victims Assistance (NOVA)*)
- School-based grief groups
- Consultation services

Types of Services



- **Critical Incident Stress Management**
- **Trauma and disaster response**
- **Socialization activities or groups**
- **Referral to community practitioners, agencies**
- **Community commemorative events (*e.g., Mother's Day or Memorial Day*)**

Populations



- **Widowed persons**
- **Bereaved children and families**
- **Adults grieving parental loss**
- **Bereaved parents, including perinatal loss**
- **Bereaved homicide survivors**
- **Bereaved suicide survivors**

Populations



- **Disenfranchised bereaved (those whose grief is not socially recognized and supported)**
- **Trauma or disaster survivors**
- **Funeral home clients**
- **Medical facilities (residents and staff)**
- **Long term care facilities (residents and staff)**

Populations



- Faith communities (clergy, bereavement ministry staff, volunteers)
- Schools (teachers, counselors, students)
- Workplace (employee assistance programs, corporations, employees)
- Protective agencies such as child and elder services
- Social service agencies

Populations



- **Mental health agencies**
- **Correctional facility ministries**
- **Juvenile facilities**
- **Law enforcement agencies**
- **Emergency medical staff**
- **Professional practice organizations**

Other losses



- **Death of a pet**
- **Military deaths**
- **Non-death losses such as divorce, job loss, or retirement**
- **Anticipatory mourning services for community members whose loved ones may have Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, traumatic brain injury, dementia, or other diseases**



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