

***The Crucible of Grace:
A Support Group Model for Adults with
Sudden Child-Death Grief***

As a result of this workshop, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the spiritual, emotional, behavioral, and physical aspects of grief which accompany the sudden traumatic death of children through natural causes, unintentional injury, suicide, and homicide.
 2. Identify the key elements, resources, and interdisciplinary team members of the Adults with Sudden Child-Death Grief Support Group program offered by Upper Chesapeake Health.
 3. Develop a parallel, yet, unique child-death support program in the institutions and communities in which they serve.
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I. The Hard Reality of Child Death

- A. How Children Die
- B. The Practical Costs
- C. The Physical, Emotional, Spiritual, and Behavioral Costs
- D. A View from the Crucible
- E. Our Own Impetus for Responding

II. Surveying the Landscape

- A. Sojourning through the Countryside
- B. Meeting the People
- C. Mapping the Resources
- D. Assembling the Caregivers
- E. Spreading the Word

III. Working to Create a Village of Care

- A. Our Boundaries
- B. Our Weekly Time
- C. Our Seasonal Time
- D. Our Resources
- E. Our Rituals

IV. Challenges in Living Intentionally as a Village of Care

- A. Anguish and Appearances
- B. Rookies and Vets
- C. Telling the Whole Truth
- D. Earth and Altar
- E. Wrongful Death
- F. Threatened Self-Destruction
- G. Knowing When to Refer

V. Signs of Health and Hope

- A. Who Joins Us and What Compels Them to Come?
- B. What Are the Villagers Saying?
- C. What Happens Next?
- D. What Other Villages Might Be Founded?
- E. The Crucible of Grace

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