BEST PRACTICES IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

DESCRIPTION:

Grief support groups can be a powerful resource for bereaved people, helping them to normalize and validate grief experiences through shared experiences. Experts Kailey Bradley and Karen Monts will discuss how hospice professionals can design and facilitate effective grief support groups that address the diverse needs of bereaved individuals. Presenters will examine key considerations in creating meaningful, effective support groups while addressing the challenges associated with group dynamics and structure. The speakers will offer ideas and approaches for developing grief groups for both adults and children.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

This presentation features experienced professionals offering their own expertise on the topic. On the screen, you will see the slide presentation and will be able to hear the experts talking and presenting. If you login for the live version of the program, you'll also have the opportunity to email or text the experts' questions that they will discuss and answer during the program's Q & A session.

LIVE DATE:	January 12, 2027
TIME:	Noon to 1:30pm ET
ON DEMAND:	Available for 6 months; until July 12, 2027
LENGTH:	90 minutes
CEs:	1.5 hours
CONTENT LEVEL:	The program is mainly for professionals already working in the field but is practical for all levels of education – entry level, intermediate or advanced.
TARGET AUDIENCE:	Health care clinicians, social service clinicians and others working in the hospice, palliative care, counseling, hospital, nursing home, funeral home, or faith community environments

This program will be live on the air date, recorded and made available for on demand viewing. The recorded program will be available approximately a day after the live event.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

To view the program, you will need a computer and screen, reliable internet access, and speakers.

TEST LINK for live program Audio and Video: https://zoom.us/test

Technical Questions? Please go to https://zoom.us/ and click "support"

PROGRAM FEES/REGISTRATION:

Registration includes continuing education and on-demand viewing for 6 months from live date. Register directly online at: https://www.hospicefoundation.org

Registration Options

- Individual: Live and on-demand viewing for one person.
- Organization/company: Unlimited viewing for employees within a single location.
- Organization + community license: Unlimited viewing for employees and community members at up to 3 locations.

ADVANCE PURCHASE

- Individual Viewer — Member: FREE | Non-member: $29.95
- Organizational Viewing — Member: FREE for up to 25 staff
- Organizational Viewing — Non-member: 1-12 staff – $79.95 | 13-25 staff – $135
- Organization + Community Access License: $390

SAME DAY and ON-DEMAND PURCHASE

- Individual Viewer — Member: FREE | Non-member: $39.95
- Organizational Viewing — Member: FREE for up to 25 staff
- Organizational Viewing — Non-member: 1-12 staff – $89.95 | 13-25 staff – $160.00
- Organization + Community Access License: $400

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to:

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PROGRAM OUTLINE:

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CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) CREDITS:

This program is valid for 1.5 continuing education contact hours. CE hours are available for 6 months, until July 12, 2027.

A complete list of board approvals for this program is posted to HFA's website at www.hospicefoundation.org on the program's registration page.

COURSE COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS:

Participants must attend the entire 1.5 hour program. Partial credit is not awarded. Participants must also complete the entire CE process online which includes a required evaluation form and exam. The exam must be completed at 80% or above (the exam may be re-taken, if necessary).

EXPERT PANELISTS:

Kailey Bradley, PhD, LPCC-S, NCC, FT, is a licensed counselor and obtained a doctorate in counselor education and supervision in 2024 from Ohio University. Kailey also holds certifications in thanatology (FT) and has extensive training in best practices for supportive grief counseling and end of life care. Dr. Kailey has a background working in a Hospice setting and is equipped to help with end-of-life decision making. Kailey loves working with children and families navigating grief and illness and is currently the president of the Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling Ohio Branch. Kailey also is an educator and is currently an adjunct professor at Marian University in their thanatology program where she teaches courses on childhood bereavement, pediatric hospice care, and expressive arts in counseling.

Karen Monts, MS, CHP-SW, LBSW, has been employed in the work of end-of-life and grief support care for over 34 years. She is currently the Associate Vice President of Grief Support Services for Northstar Care Community where she is responsible for overall leadership and directing of the grief support program, She has also assisted with practice, policy, and

educational needs for the spiritual care and social work staff. She developed the Bereavement Risk Assessment which has been instrumental in assisting clinicians with determining grief risk. Her proudest achievement is leading the production of a program for Detroit Public Television – When Families Grieve: A Community Discussion.

She earned an MS in Psychology from the University of Michigan- Dearborn and is a Licensed Bachelor Social Worker with training as a Trauma and Loss Specialist through the National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children. She currently is a member of the Association for Death Education Credentialing Committee, as well Chairperson for National Partnership for Healthcare and Hospice Innovation Support Services Committee. She provides leadership for bereavement concerns for the Alliance, formerly the National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization and Bereavement Steering Committee and she serves as lead for the Organizational Ethics Consultation Committee.

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