

Hospice Foundation of America's Annual National *Living With Grief*[®] Program

Helping Adolescents Cope with Loss

In DVD Format on August 13th & August 18th
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This program focuses exclusively on the issues that adolescents face as they cope with loss. Adolescence, broadly defined, from middle school years to emerging adulthood, is a significant developmental period during which adolescents form identity, independence, and intimacy. Illness and loss profoundly influences these processes. Moreover, adolescent encounters with loss are likely to be traumatic—deaths by accident, suicide, and homicide. This program explores the ways that healthcare workers, hospices, educators, social workers, counselors, clergy, funeral directors, and other professionals can assist adolescents as they cope with loss.

See full program details at www.hospicefoundation.org.

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

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

1. Identify the three developmental issues encountered in adolescence and indicate the ways that encounters with death, grief, and loss can complicate adolescent development;
2. Describe the ways that the developmental issues of adolescence can both complicate and facilitate the ability of the adolescent to cope with life-threatening illness and identify issues that should be addressed in providing care for adolescents as well as their peers and siblings in life-threatening illness;
3. Discuss the ways that adolescents experience grief and cope with loss, noting the ways that schools and other professionals can offer strategies to help adolescents cope with loss;
4. Describe the ways that sudden and traumatic deaths complicate the grieving process, noting strategies and processes for schools and other organizations to respond to a tragedy or traumatic loss such as an accident, suicide, or violent event;
5. Discuss the value and approaches of interventive strategies with grieving adolescents, such as peer support groups, bibliotherapy, individual counseling, and expressive therapies.

CE Credits Available for Professionals:

3-hours of continuing education will be available through Hospice Foundation of America for nurses, social workers, counselors, psychologists, funeral directors, clergy, and more. *Please verify CE availability with your professional or state board approval and/or refer to HFA's list of Board Approvals located at register.hospicefoundation.org.*

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