

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Children - The Forgotten Mourners; What Care Providers Need to Know

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Program: 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Level: Introductory

(Assumes post-doctoral education status and limited familiarity with topic)

Location: Online via Zoom

This presentation is designed for psychologists, other mental health professionals, students and faculty.

About the Program:

This program qualifies for 1.0 continuing education credit.

Children are often not given the same level of support or understanding during the mourning process as adults receive. Though adults have good intentions of protecting children from the pain of loss, they often do more harm than good. Even when adults do include children, they often don't understand how do talk to children or listen to children about what they need. This session will address what children at different developmental levels understand and need when grieving, and what care providers can do to make sure children grieve well, so they can integrate the loss they have experienced as a healthy adult.

Participants will be able to:

- 1. Identify what children understand about death and their varying needs at different developmental stages.
- 2. Identify meaningful ways children can be involved in grief rituals.

About the Presenters:

Marc Markell Ph.D., CT, received his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology at the University of Minnesota, Minnesota. He teaches at St. Cloud State University in the School of Education, and in the Program of Mortuary Science at Worshan College. Marc is a certified Thanatologist through the Association of Death Educators and Counseling and certified in Death and Grief Studies from Colorado State University through the Center for Loss and Life Transition. He has presented on grief and loss locally, nationally, and internationally. Marc has published three books as well as a book chapters and numerous articles on bereavement.

Kathryn Markell Ph.D., received her Ph.D. in psychology from Loyola University, Chicago. Kathryn teaches Death and Dying in the Psychology Department of Anoka-Ramsey Community College in Minnesota. She is the co-author of the book: The Children Who Lived: Using Harry Potter and Other Fictional Characters to Help Grieving Children and Adolescents, book chapters and articles. *The speakers have indicated they do not have any conflicts of interest.*



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