

Fifth Annual California Conference

CHILDHOOD GRIEF & TRAUMATIC LOSS

RESTORING JOY TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 26, 2009

**The California Endowment
1000 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

Opening Session:

Panel of Children and Teens Affected by Death

Facilitated by:

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Early Registration Fee (On or before **February 26, 2009**)

\$125 (Including CEUs & CMEs)

Late Registration Fee (After **February 26, 2009**)

\$140 (Including CEUs & CMEs)

Conference registration materials will be available online by **November 3, 2008** at www.ican-ncfr.org.

[Due to the change in venue, space is limited this year. Please register and reserve your seat once registration opens.]

Sponsored by:

Childrens Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA)
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The Center for Grief and Loss for Children, a Program of Hathaway Sycamores Child and Family Services
Los Angeles County Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN)
ICAN National Center on Child Fatality Review (NCFR)
Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH)
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CALL FOR PAPERS

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This exciting Conference has grown from 100 attendees in 2004 to over 400 in 2008.

**Our work that began with a focus on traditional child grief programs,
has since expanded to include new programs, including:**

- ◆ **Crisis intake and peer support of children and families**
- ◆ **Agency support, including social services and probation**
- ◆ **Support to children in chaotic, dysfunctional families**
- ◆ **Focused psychotherapy when necessary**
- ◆ **Intervention following fatal community and family violence**
- ◆ **Assistance to children attending funerals and with memorabilia**

We encourage proposals that relate to the topics above, as well as the following:

- **Cultural, spiritual and religious issues**
- **Family violence, including homicide**
- **Violent injuries involving fatality or permanent injury**
- **Special populations: (i.e. infants, toddlers and violent youth)**
- **Foster care, probation and other children and families in agency care**
- **Support therapies that can assist with traumatic loss (art, music, pets, books)**
- **Long term support for children and families following traumatic loss**
- **Research with practical application**
- **Non-Fatal loss with severe permanent sequelae**

**Traditional programs may be considered,
as they relate to traumatic issues or provide particularly unique services.**

When preparing your workshop, please keep the following in mind:

- All workshops are 1.5 hours in length
- Limit the number of presenters to ensure that each has adequate time
- Whenever possible, use visual aids and/or handouts (you will need to supply materials)
- Use vignettes and research to support your presentation
- Allow time for audience response; interact and avoid reading with handouts
- Presenters are responsible for travel and related costs
- Come to learn. We attempt to keep similar workshops on separate tracks so you can share with counterparts. The conference has included tracks for material on preschool children, criminal justice systems, and agency based programs. You may be asked to speak to another presenter before the conference to link and share overlapping materials.
- We respect the professional ownership of work and will provide an opportunity for book sales.

Please Submit the Following Information:

[Please enclose ALL items below. Your papers may not be reviewed if an item is missing]

1. Description of Your Presentation

Describe your presentation on one page, typed. Include a minimum of three learning objectives. Don't forget to include the title

2. Presenter Information

Identify the authors who will be presenting and include:

- Curriculum Vitae - Attach curriculum vitae or resume for each author
- Biography – Attach a 50-word maximum biography of each author

3. Audience Level

Indicate which of the following best represents the audience you are targeting:

- Entry Level
- Intermediate Level
- Advanced Level

4. Teaching Methods

Identify the teaching methods. For example: lecture, discussion, video, slides, PowerPoint, hands-on activities

5. Overall Content Area

Describe the overall content area (see topic list)

6. Length of Presentation

Include the type of presentation format - Example: Workshop, 1.5 hours, including discussion

7. Organization of Presentation

Outline of presentation - specific details are not needed

8. Summary of Presentation

Prepare a brief 120 word summary for the conference brochure

Submissions Must Be Postmarked by August 15, 2008

Notifications of Accepted Presentations will be sent to Applicants by September 15, 2008

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