

AFTER THE LOSS: SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOLLOWING A DEATH

***Presenters: Peter Willig, LMFT, FT; Susana Blanco, Ph.D.;
Mindy Cassel, Ph.D., CT; Kathy Kramer, LCSW, CT***

**Friday, April 27, 2018 ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

This presentation will focus on the developmental impact of a death experience, manifestations of grief, research findings, standards of care, and factors relevant to working with bereft children and families. Clinicians, educators, community professionals, caregivers and others working with grieving children/families will benefit from the content and skill development offered through this seminar. Goals include assisting mental health Professionals with client, family system, and self-focused care in the face of loss. Educational information will be provided about bereavement among children and families, as well as tools and resources available for helping those experiencing loss.

PROGRAM LOCATION

Nova Southeastern University
Carl DeSantis Bldg. (H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business & Entrepreneurship)
Knight Auditorium – Room 1124
3301 College Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314

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ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Peter Willig, LMFT, F.T. is the chief operating officer of the Children's Bereavement Center® (CBC). He is a licensed marriage and family therapist and a fellow in thanatology with over 25 years of clinical experience working with individuals and groups, including children, adolescents, couples, and families. Mr. Willig began his work with children and families at Miami Children's Hospital Department of Psychiatry and has worked with the CBC since its inception. He is responsible for oversight and facilitation of CBC programming, orientations, research, the CBC Training Institute, and Community Outreach programs.

Susana Blanco, Ph.D. is an educator and psychologist in private practice. Dr. Blanco has trained with the Children's Bereavement Center and has served as a group Facilitator in our peer support programs. She earned her master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Miami and her doctoral degree from the University at Albany, State University of New York. She completed her clinical internship at Boston Medical Center in the Center for Multicultural Training and her post-doctoral training at Edith Nourse Veteran's Hospital in Bedford, MA. In addition to having worked as a full-time academician at the doctoral level, she has conducted research, co-authored journal articles, and presented at national and international conferences on a variety of topics.

Mindy Cassel, Ph.D., C.T. is the chief executive officer and co-founder of the Children's Bereavement Center® (CBC). She is a licensed psychologist and thanatologist. Serving as executive director since 1999, she oversees CBC's operations, management, strategic planning, financial development, and expansion. Dr. Cassel's professional career in the Miami community spans more than 30 years, during which time she has worked with individuals, families, and children in the areas of loss, trauma, rehabilitation, and life transition.

Kathy Kramer, LCSW, C.T. is the director of program and training for the Children's Bereavement Center®. Ms. Kramer has been working in the mental health field for 15 years, 8 of which have been with the CBC. As the Program Director, for the CBC, Ms. Kramer coordinates, implements, and supervises all peer support groups for children, teens, young adults, and adults. Ms. Kramer leads the training and supervision of all CBC volunteers, interns, and facilitators. Additionally, she conducts community trainings and presentations and is responsible for research initiatives exploring the effectiveness of peer support groups on children and adult functioning after loss.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- Describe grief theories including attachment, the dual process model, and state theory as they relate to grief work and a healthful grief experience.
- List the developmental aspects of a grief experience as well as manifestations of loss (physical/behavioral/cognitive/social/emotional) in children and families.
- Discuss research findings focused on the measurement of adjustment, functionality, and continuing bonds and social support as markers of a healthy grief experience.
- Analyze the well-being of the patient and caregiver, with experiential training scenarios to build competence in dealing with loss
- Discuss the importance of self-care in facing patient and personal loss.
- Apply varied modalities and approaches for introducing a healthy discussion of loss with families.
- List helpful strategies/modalities, local/national resources, referral processes, and a community based model of grief support that addresses cultural/family dynamics in South Florida.

PROGRAM AGENDA

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration and refreshments
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Introduction / Objectives review
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Loss and Inventory Exercise
9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Grief Theories
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Manifestations of Loss
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Research findings in grief response
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Guidelines for working with grieving families
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Resources review
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Questions and Answers

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