



Friday, March 2, 2018

4th Annual Northwest Conference on Childhood Grief

INVITATION TO PRESENT – Call for Speakers

In response to a call from local providers of children’s grief support, Safe Crossings Foundation (SCF) will be presenting the 4th Annual Northwest Conference on Childhood Grief. As the leader in funding grief support services for children in the Pacific Northwest, SCF is hosting a conference that provides CEUs while building community by sharing ideas and learning together.

This one-day symposium at the PSESD Conference Center on March 2nd, 2018 will focus on the theme of **Connecting Children to Support: Addressing Barriers to Services. We will be exploring strategies to ensure that all bereaved children, no matter what barriers they face, receive the support they need.** The conference will appeal to many support providers: clinicians, therapists/counselors, school staff and health care workers.

Symposium Session Presentations:

SCF invites you to lend your expertise by participating as a session presenter. To offer CEU credits to attendees, all speakers must have obtained a Master’s degree or higher. Panels and interactive workshops are welcome - we are excited about creativity and hands-on experiences! Sessions are an hour in length. Presentation applications are due **Friday, September 15th, 2017**. Materials for selected presentations will be due February 16th, 2018.

The conference registration fee will be available at a \$50 discount per day for presenters.

Goals for Symposium

- Provide education on best practices through the exchange of timely clinical information, programs, advances in research and successful ideas for children’s grief support programming.
- Creating a space for sharing, connecting and learning from each other and diverse perspectives.
- Promote networking and support among colleagues.

Potential Barriers Preventing Children from Receiving Services:

Type of Death (stigma, feelings of shame, etc.):

- Suicide
- Overdose
- Homicide
- Prolonged illness

Geographical Limitations:

- Kids in rural areas
- Meeting kids in their communities
- Transportation issues

Economic:

- Family priorities/support
- Lack of permanent housing/homelessness
- Lack of financial resources

Cultural:

- Historically marginalized populations (race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, immigrant communities, etc.)
- Language
- Life experiences

Other Barriers

- Substance abuse
- Reliance on social media

2018 Northwest Conference on Childhood Grief - Presenter Application

Applications are due **Friday, September 15th, 2017**, by email to Marci@safecrossingsfoundation.org. Contact Marci with questions at 206-499-5798.

In submitting this application, you acknowledge the following: 1) agreement to meet all deadlines for materials; 2) presenters are responsible for all travel, lodging and other related expenses; 3) there is no compensation for presenting at the Conference; 3) if your presentation is selected, the information provided in this application, including your biographical information will be used in conference materials. Note: the room will be set up in a classroom style.

Name:

Address, City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Organization:

Title:

Accreditations:

1. **Brief Biography; if a panel, include all presenters** (to be included in materials):

2. **Presentation Title:**

3. **Brief Description of Presentation** (to be included in materials):

4. **Learning objectives** (required for CEU credits):
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

5. **Literature references** (required for CEU credits):
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

6. **Identify Audiovisual needs:**
 laptop projector flip chart with easel ability to play DVD or CD

7. **Professional References** (regarding speaking and teaching ability):
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

8. **Please describe your:** 1) professional expertise & qualifications, 2) speaking experience, and 3) list of published work:

9. **Please provide your resume.**