



INVITATION TO PRESENT – Call for Speakers

5th Annual Northwest Conference on Childhood Grief

Tuesday, March 26th, 2019

In response to a call from local providers of children’s grief support, Safe Crossings Foundation (SCF) will be presenting the 5th 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 will be held at the Puget Sound Educational Service District on Tuesday, March 26th, 2019 and will focus on the theme of Connecting Children to Support. Our keynote speaker, Dr. David Schonfeld from the University of Southern California’s National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement, will address both the individual needs of grieving students and the system supports needed for grieving school communities. The conference is designed for support providers such as clinicians, therapists or counselors, teachers, school staff, and healthcare workers.

Symposium Session Presentation

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 love creativity and hands on experiences! Sessions are an hour to an hour and a half in length, so you can choose your presentation length. Presentation applications are due Friday, September 7th, 2018. Materials for selected presentation will be due February 21, 2019.

The conference registration fee will be waived 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
- Provide practical tools and skills to use when supporting grieving children
- Create a space for sharing, connecting, and learning from each other and diverse perspectives
- Promote networking and support among colleagues

Requested Topics:

Type of Death

- Suicide
- Addiction
- Prolonged illness
- Anticipatory grief

Self-Care

- Organizational self-care
- Tools for adults/children
- How grief manifests in the body

Practices for Support

- Art and play therapy
- Support when time is limited: small ways to be mindful of youth and provide support
- Support for grieving guardians
- How schools can best provide support after a student has experienced a death

Building Community

- Culturally relevant programming
- Accessibility of services
- Services in community locations

Research and Data

- Historically marginalized populations (race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, immigrant communities, etc.)
- Programs in multiple languages

2018 Northwest Conference on Childhood Grief - Presenter Application

Applications are due **Friday, September 7th, 2018**, by email to karen@safecrossingsfoundation.org. Contact Karen with questions at 206-650-9368.

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):

5. **Literature references** (required for CEU credits):
6. **Identify Audiovisual needs:**
laptop ___projector ___flip chart with easel ___ability to play DVD or CD

7. **Professional References** (regarding speaking and teaching ability):

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

9. **Please provide your resume.**