



Grief Therapist

Status: Full-Time Position

Reports To: Program Director

Summary:

The primary responsibility of the Grief Therapist is to ensure the highest Quality of Children's Grief Support possible. The Grief Therapist provides care and customized planning for children, adolescents and adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The Grief Therapist will facilitate grief groups on assigned group nights as well as oversee some school- based groups.

Areas of Responsibility and Essential Duties

- Provides grief counseling to adults and children.
- Facilitates grief support groups on assigned nights.
- Facilitate school grief groups on an as needed basis.
- Plays an intricate role in both Pre and Post group meetings.
- Oversees and conducts Family Care calls and communicating with families.
- Assists in developing and implementing clinical procedures and guidelines, as needed.
- Actively participates in both clinical team and program team meetings.
- Play an intricate role in the assessment of children during the Family Orientation.
- Assist in the placement of families on the proper group night.
- Refers to outside agencies as appropriate resources for wrap around care.
- Provides consultation to staff and interns, as appropriate.
- Utilizes family tracking system to document date and length of counseling sessions.
- Utilizes family tracking system to document case notes.
- When working with individual clients, helps the child work towards peer support group readiness when appropriate.
- Helps with training and education of volunteers.
- Helps educate the public on the importance of addressing childhood trauma and grief.
- Works with Valerie's House team to provide grief workshops to educators, therapists, and others in the community.
- Performs other duties, as assigned.

Additional Duties

- Stays current with grief and bereavement training and education, willingness to learn as much about the grief and bereavement field as possible, including attending trainings, conferences and seminars.

- Assists with outreach in community, public awareness, community trainings, and special events when needed.
- Other duties as assigned by Program Director.

Requirements

- Master's degree and licensing in the State of Florida.
- Minimum 1 year post licensure and 3 years of experience working with families
- An understanding and passion for helping grieving children, teenagers and adults.
- A caring and nurturing personality, compassion and genuine ability to connect with families in crisis.
- A valid Florida Driver's License and a personal vehicle for work related travel.
- The ability to lift up to 5 lbs. of program supplies and office related materials.
- Willingness to work nights and some weekends.
- Promote the values of Valerie's House throughout the organization and external relationships.

Other Skills:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Attention to detail, problem-solving skills, and customer service.
- Sensitive to diverse populations including those with hearing and/or vision deficiencies.
- Fluency in Spanish a plus.
- Proven professionalism and the ability to deal effectively with children and adults