



Helping Children through the Hospice Experience

Provided by:
The Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas

Presenter: Michelli Gomez, LMSW, Program and Outreach Services Coordinator for The Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas, provides psychotherapy to individuals and families who have experienced a death loss or are presently anticipating the death of a loved one. In addition, she designs and facilitates bereavement support groups for children and adults. Ms. Gomez has presented at state, national and international conferences on matters regarding childhood grief and trauma.



Training Description: This is a 2 hour training designed to educate and prepare hospice staff for work with children and families who are grieving. The training will include strategies for enhancing family communication, tools for talking with children about death and dying, and assistance in developing short and long term interventions for grieving children.

Training Objectives: (1) Understanding a child's perception of death as it relates to the stages of development; (2) Recognizing indicators of complicated or traumatic grief in children; (3) Understanding the physiological manifestations of grief and its impact on children; (4) Strategies for enhancing family communication around matters of dying and bereavement; (5) Developing short and long term, age appropriate bereavement interventions for children. This is an experiential training; participants will receive hands on training in therapeutic techniques that can be carried out in the home or inpatient setting, to include (a) creating a family feeling collage, (b) utilizing body drawings with children and (c) developing on the spot, creative interventions for increasing communication and trust between children and hospice staff.

Date: Friday, April 3, 2009

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Place: The Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas, 332 W. Craig Place, San Antonio, TX 78212

Fee: \$25

LPC and LMSW registrants will receive 2 units of continuing education credit.

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