## **Madison Grief Support Programs**

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# IN-PERSON PROGRAMS ONGOING DROP-IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS:

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Scan to Register or Learn More:



#### GRIEF SUPPORT CIRCLE: OPEN SUPPORT FOR ANY DEATH LOSS

Upcoming dates: Wed. Sept 17, Oct 15 | 4:00-5:30 PM | Cress Madison (East)- 3325 E Washington Ave, Madison, WI 53704

This ongoing support group is open to anyone who has experienced a death, open to all types of losses and timelines. Participants are welcome to bring a photo or special object to share during group. Meets on the third Wednesday monthly.

#### \*NEW!\* LOSS OF A SPOUSE/PARTNER

Upcoming dates: Wed. Sept 24, Oct 22 | 5:00-6:30 PM | Cress Center (Far West)- 6021 University Ave, Madison, WI 53705 An ongoing peer support and educational group for people who have experienced the death of a spouse, partner or significant other. Regardless of how long ago the death occurred, you are welcome to attend. Meets on the fourth Wednesday monthly

#### WE ARE GROWING IN WISCONSIN:

We are working on bringing more programming to your area, and we want to hear about what you are looking for. If you have a specific request, any questions or would like more information, please contact us by phone, email, or scanning QR Code. We look forward to hearing from you!









#### VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

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#### **OPEN SUPPORT FOR ANY DEATH LOSS:**

**Grief Support Circle** 

Meets monthly on the first Wednesday 5pm PT / 6pm MT / 7pm CT / 8pm ET

#### **Grief Support Circle**

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday 3pm PT / 4pm MT / 6pm CT / 6pm ET

#### LOSS OF A SPOUSE OR PARTNER:

Loss of Spouse/Partner

Meets monthly on the second Wednesday 5pm PT / 6pm MT / 7pm CT / 8pm ET

#### LOSS OF A PARENT/CAREGIVER:

Loss of a Parent(s)

Meets monthly on the second Wednesday 5pm PT / 6pm MT / 7pm CT / 8pm ET

#### Loss of a Parent(s)

Meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday 5pm PT / 6pm MT / 7pm CT / 8pm ET

#### SUDDEN & TRAUMATIC GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS:

Suicide Loss Grief Support

Meets monthly on the second Thursday 5pm PT / 6pm MT / 7pm CT / 8pm ET Meets monthly on the fourth Thursday 3pm PT / 4pm MT / 5pm CT / 6pm ET

#### **Substance Loss Grief Support**

Meets monthly on the fourth Thursday 6pm PT / 7pm MT / 8pm CT / 9pm ET

#### **Sudden & Traumatic Loss Grief Support**

Meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday 5:30pm PT/ 6:30pm MT/ 7:30pm CT/ 8:30 ET

#### **Homicide Loss (Meets Quarterly)**

Meeting: September 9, December 9 3pm PT/ 4pm MT/ 5pm CT/ 6pm ET

#### **GRIEF SUPPORT FOR SPECIFIC POPULATIONS:**

**LGBTQ+ Grief Support** 

**Family Caregiver Circle** 

Meets monthly on the second Monday 4pm PT / 5pm MT / 6pm CT/ 7pm ET

Meets monthly on the first Thursday 4pm PT/ 5pm MT/ 6pm CT/ 7 ET

#### **Young Adults Grief Support**

Meets monthly on the third Monday 5pm PT / 6pm MT / 7pm CT / 8pm ET

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Meets monthly on the third Thursday

3:30pm PT/ 4:30pm MT/ 5:30pm CT/ 6:30pm ET











#### **FIRST STEPS**

Upcoming Dates: Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12 | 5pm PT/ 6pm MT/ 7pm CT/ 8pm ET

Get help handling tasks and finances after a death, understanding what documents you'll need and how to get them, closing accounts and filing claims.



#### WEEKLY OPEN, ONGOING CLASS:



#### YOGA FOR GRIEF RELIEF

Weekly on Sundays | 11-12:00pm PT/ 12-1:00pm MT/ 1-2:00pm CT/ 2-3:00pm ET

In partnership with May Wellness, join Mayde Jackson weekly on Sundays for a gentle, supportive Yoga for Grief Relief class, designed to help you navigate your emotions, release tension, and cultivate a sense of peace during this difficult time. No prior yoga experience is needed. Cost: \$30 per class.



#### WEEKLY CLOSED GROUP SUPPORT:

Weekly, closed-group series follow a pre-defined curriculum to help guide group discussions and topics for each meeting.



#### FACING THE MOURNING 4-WEEK SUPPORT GROUP

Thurs. Sept 4, 11, 18 & 25 | 10-11:30am PT/ 11-12:30pm MT/ 12-1:30pm CT/ 1-2:30pm ET

An interactive 4-session support group designed to help with the grieving process by using visual and thought-provoking tools. Cost: \$65, includes materials.





### THE GRIEVING BRAIN SUPPORT GROUP & BOOK CLUB 5-SESSION GROUP

Thurs. Oct 16, 30, Nov 13, 24\*, Dec 11 | 4:30pm PT/ 5:30pm MT/ 6:30pm CT/ 7:30pm ET

We will navigate the complexities of grief while reading and discussing "The Grieving Brain" by Mary-Frances O'Connor. Cost: \$50, does not include copy of the book. \*\*Includes one alternative date not on a Thursday to accommodate the Thanksgiving holiday.





#### SUPPORT AFTER SUICIDE LOSS 4-WEEK GROUP

Wed. Oct 8, 15, 22 & 29 | 3-4:30pm PT/ 4-5:30pm MT/ 5-6:30pm CT/ 6-7:30pm ET

This 4-week closed-group is designed for individuals coping with a suicide loss and are within their first year since the death. We will explore grief themes and topics specific to this painful and traumatic end of life in order to connect with our life going forward. Suggested donation: \$40









#### SPECIAL GRIEF WORKSHOPS:

Educational and experiential workshops that explore various topics, methods for coping, and activities for anyone who has had a loss. Workshops are offered as a series or one time program.



#### **Grief Support After a Homicide Loss: Quarterly Meeting**

Tues. Sept 9 | 3-4:30pm PT/ 4-5:30pm MT/ 5-6:30pm CT/ 6-7:30pm ET

Join us in a quarterly meeting space to share about the unique grief experiences that occur after a homicide loss. We will come together in an intentional space for remembrance, support and honoring the lives of those we are grieving for, and how the nature of homicide loss impacts our grief.





#### WRITING THROUGH GRIEF

Thurs. Sept 18 | 3-5:00pm PT/ 4-6:00pm MT/ 5-7:00pm CT/ 6-8pm ET

Explore grief through the written word in poetry, prose, and reflective writing – how we choose to tell our grief story, in various written forms, can help us create a sense of meaning, remembrance and create legacy through use of the written word. Cost: \$20.





#### **OPEN HEART STUDIO ONLINE**

Sat. Oct 4 | 9-11:00am PT/10-12:00pm MT/11-1:00pm CT/12-2pm ET

This online creative gathering will instruct the use of materials found in the home to explore our grief through use of various art activities, no prior art experience required. Cost: \$30.





#### **CONTINUING BONDS**

Tues. Oct 21 | 5:30-7:30pm PT/ 6:30-8:30pm MT/ 7:30-9:30pm CT/ 8:30-10:30pm ET

Join Ariela HaLevi, Shamanic Energy Healer, as we explore the healing journey to connect to the spark of your loved one and reignite the spark inside of you. This workshop provides a holistic approach to connecting to your loved ones on the other side as you journey through loss. Cost: \$50.









#### TRAINING AND EDUCATION

#### **UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL SIGNATURE SERIES:**

HeartLight hosts experts to speak on various grief and loss topics throughout the year.

Seminars are presentational and all are invited to learn.

HOLIDAYS AFTER SIGNIFICANT LOSS PRESENTED BY LITSA WILLIAMS AND ELEANOR HALEY OF WHAT'S YOUR GRIEF



#### **Program for Professionals:**

Grief Support for Continuing Bonds and Holiday Traditions (FREE CEUs) Tues. Nov  $4^{th}$  | 8am PT/ 9am MT/ 10Am CT/ 11am ET | On Zoom



#### Program for Anyone Who is Grieving or Supporting a Griever:

Rewriting the Holidays After Loss Tues. Nov 4<sup>th</sup> | 5pm PT/ 6pm MT/ 7pm CT/ 8pm ET | On Zoom

#### FACING THE MOURNING FACILITATOR TRAINING:

Learn to facilitate our signature 4-session interactive support group open to all types of losses to bring to your community or organization. (For Professionals).



#### FACING THE MOURNING FACILITATOR TRAINING

**Upcoming Dates: Fri. September 19, Nov. 21**Start Time: 10am PT/11am MT/12pm CT/1pm ET

Cost: \$90



#### **RESOURCES:**

Resources for those who have experienced a loss as well as professionals supporting someone who has experienced a loss. Learn more by scanning the QR code.

#### **Recommended Grief Media:**

- Book List
- Podcasts
- Websites
- Videos

#### **Topic Specific Grief Brochures & Handouts:**

- Helping Someone Who is Grieving
- Helpful Information About Grief
- Why Are The Holidays So Hard?
- What Can I Do About My Grief?
- Supporting Grieving Kids
- Individual vs. Group Support
- Loss in the Work Place



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### MY PROGRAM CALENDAR:

Please use this space to mark down any events that interest you. Feel free to contact us with any questions. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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